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Tear Gas Turned On DPs

PROTEST MARCH IN MUNICH

Munich, Apr. 10.—American military police today used tear gas to disperse a crowd of displaced persons from camps in the Munich area. The displaced persons got out of control after a demonstration in the Koenigsplatz, one of Munich's main squares.

The military police were called when the demonstrators, estimated to number 5,000, marched in protest against "slave labour, concentration camps, and persecution of religion in the Soviet Union."

The meeting, called by the "Union of Ukrainian Political Prisoners," was forbidden in advance by the Military Government under standing policy, but assembled at the same in defiance of the ban.

SPEECHES STIR CROWD

The crowd marched to the building, which had housed the former Soviet Reparation Mission in Munich. The Mission stopped work in Munich some time ago, and the last Soviet Reparation Mission in the United States Zone was expelled from Frankfurt on March 1 by order of the United States Military Governor, General Lucius D. Clay.

Political speeches had stirred the crowd, who marched with banners bearing anti-Soviet slogans in Ukrainian. Demonstrators distributed handbills printed in German with the warning: "Beware of Bolshevism!"

The tear gas was used after stones and bricks were hurled at the German and American police. The demonstrators then dispersed quietly. No arrests were known to have been made and no serious casualties reported.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Budget In Perspective

THE Central Government and local taxation will, this year take 40% of Britain's National Income. This is the measure of effort which the British people are continuing to take in their fight against inflation and at the same time pay for a fully comprehensive social service. During the current fiscal year of March 31 next year, the total of the National taxation and other income is estimated in the Budget at £3,778,000,000. The main reasons for continuing a high levy of taxation and a substantial budget surplus are threefold. Firstly, it is to hold in check inflation. Secondly, it is to sell the expansion of exports with particular attention to the increasing sales of British goods to North America. Finally these two objectives will be striven for without any reduction in Britain's social services. The methods proposed are stern and as such have already provoked widespread controversy. But Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has taken a clear line in his Budget which will gain for Britain her objectives. The continuation of a high level of taxation will, as it did in the past year, hold in check the personnel spending and with it any remaining inflationary dangers. This will help to restrain any increase in manufacturing costs and in turn help to strengthen the competitive position of British goods in overseas markets. In view of the drive to reduce the still large dollar deficit any lowering of manufacturing costs should help to increase exports to the vital area of North America. A substantial part of the British taxation is now redistributed amongst the community through the comprehensive social services. In fact, in four branches alone of these services—education, health,

family allowances which provide five shillings a week for the second and subsequent children of every family and financial assistance to those in need—will this year cost £763,000,000 or the equivalent of more than £15 per head of the whole population. In addition, the cost of living will continue to be held in check by food subsidies. Although some of the recent increases in the prices of certain foods are to be passed on to the consuming public, taxation will provide large subsidies which, though they will be limited to a maximum of £465,000,000, will still represent up to nearly £10 per head. The small changes proposed and the present scale of food prices will, it is estimated, increase the cost of living by only two percent. Although the proposed changes in taxation are small they are significant. Industry especially is to be given a powerful incentive to install new plant and machinery by having the initial allowance on such expenditure increased from one-fifth to two-fifths. This will reduce the amount of taxation payable by businesses. On the proposed basis of taxation the total revenue should exceed the ordinary expenditure with a surplus of £189,000,000 against a realised figure of £354,000,000 last year. Out of this surplus, provision will, however, be made for capital and semi-capital expenditure such as payments for the development of Colonial resources, coal mining and so on. This, it is estimated, will leave a final balance of £14,000,000 which will be used for the redemption of the National debt. All in all, the Budget can be described as giving powerful support to Britain's progress towards economic solvency.

MISS ORIENT 'DISASTER' INQUIRY FINDINGS Master, Officers, And Crew Blameless

RESCUERS COMMENDED

"The Court judges that, in all the circumstances, no blame can be attached to the Master, Officers and crew," stated Mr Neill Garland, Acting Director of Marine, when he delivered the written findings of the Court of Inquiry this morning which sat on April 4, to investigate the shipping disaster in Elliot Reach on the night of March 24, when the my Miss Orient sank as the result of an explosion, with attendant loss of life.

In the findings it was also stated that evidence was introduced in Court relating to the conduct of three vessels which were following the Miss Orient down river. The Court found that without actual knowledge of the obstruction which had possibly occurred in the fairway by the hulk of the Miss Orient the Masters were the only competent judges of a correct course of action in relation to their responsibilities for the safety of their vessels, passengers and crew.

The Court desired to record its commendation of the excellent work performed by officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Canton, led by Mr H. Abbott, Chief Preventative Officer. These officers were instrumental in rescuing the passengers and crew of the Miss Orient and in carrying them to safety by the early forenoon of March 25.

The Court comprised Mr N. Garland, Acting Director of Marine, as President, with the following Members: Lt-Comdr J. B. P. Sillling, R.N., Capt W. Lumsden, Capt R. E. Smith and Capt I. Newton, Master Mariners.

Mr B. N. Cooper, of Wilkinson & Grist, represented Yu Ping-yung and Yu Foo-yung, both of the Wo Cheung, Ltd., Shipping and Trading Company, of 52, Wint Lok Street.

THE FINDINGS

The full findings were as follows: We find that the single screw motor vessel Miss Orient, a British ship of 120.63 gross and 102.83 net tons, built in 1924, official number 15912, registered in Hongkong, on a voyage from Canton to Hongkong, on the night of March 24, 1949, sustained serious damage

caused by an explosion at or near the Dent Point buoy and did subsequently capsize. The southern end of the short narrow channel between Haddington and French Islands, containing the Canton River, Canton River, Whampoa to Canton, Sheet II.

On this voyage the vessel was commanded by William Anderson, Master Mariner, with St Elmo Murray Fortescue Haslett as Chief Officer, and Shun Chuan Day as Chief Engineer, all possessed of valid and appropriate Certificates of Competency. The vessel carried a total crew of 121 persons, including the Master and Guard of the vessel, and 22 passengers, given in Court comprised 293 persons in possession of passage tickets, with possible additional 20 persons who at the time of the disaster had not purchased tickets.

The vessel left her berth at the wharf in Canton at 9.20 p.m. on the 24th, and during the afternoon of the 24th, the vessel was engaged in the navigating bridge. The night was dark with poor visibility. The vessel was proceeding down the Canton River at a speed of about 10 knots. At about 10.30 p.m. an explosion took place in close proximity to the Dent Point buoy in this channel. Immediately after the explosion the Quartermaster on duty reported to the No. 1 Pilot that the telecontrol of the steering gear was out of action, and a telephone message was passed to the engine-room asking for immediate repairs. At the same time, the vessel's main engine was stopped by telegraph. The tide was then at the last of the flood with current uncertain, and the vessel being out of control, swinging to port, and was in fact at an angle of about 60° to that bank, in a relatively upright condition.

The evidence shows that thereafter the vessel, listing to starboard, was rapidly taken over by the crew. The vessel was then taken over by the crew, who were rescued some 10 minutes later, and undoubtedly many passengers were saved.

COURT'S TRIBUTE
In these trying circumstances, the Court records with appreciation that the crew of the vessel, and amongst other passengers or crew, and that a number of instances were undertaken by the passengers themselves and by the crew of the vessel, and that the information provided to the Court indicates that some 357 persons sur-

vived, which, on all the available evidence, would indicate that a possible total of 107 persons must be presumed to be dead or missing. From the technical evidence of Mr W. R. K. Collings and the evidence of other witnesses, the Court judges that at or about 10.50 p.m. an explosion occurred close to the ship's port side bilge and across the transverse "waterlight" bulkhead, dividing Nos. 1 and 2 holds. This explosion produced a hole of approximately 35 square feet in area, which directly opened No. 1 hold to the sea, and also produced a small hole of about 1 square foot, opening No. 2 hold to the sea. In addition, it caused the lower attachment of the bulkhead to the deck plating adjacent to the larger hole to be seriously disrupted and permitted water entering No. 1 hold to pass into No. 2 hold.

Mr Collings' evidence showed that the port lower deck immediately above the hole in No. 1 hold was disrupted and that an opening 12' in length by 6' in width was made in it by the explosion. In the judgment of the Court this provided adequate proof for the finding of an explosive cause, and the Court, in its opinion, the explosion was produced by a millitary mine but rather by a somewhat less elaborate contrivance.

CONTROL LOST
The evidence of the telecontrol control to the steering gear immediately after the explosion is accounted for by the shock with possible fracture of the telecontrol piping. By this failure control of the vessel was lost, and with the engine stopped the vessel drifted towards the left bank and subsequently, gradually, with the water level in a relatively deep water. No exact explanation for this movement has been obtained, but it is probable that the vessel's position was affected by the shock of the explosion, and the rudder position whose effect may have been changed by the stopping of the crew, would not have been maintained. This movement might not be entirely unexpected.

The immediate instantaneous grounding of the fore part of the vessel on the left bank of the navigable channel, which was serious but not fatal, and the subsequent and almost instantaneous slipping astern of the vessel, were, according to witnesses, with Nos. 1 and 2 holds flooded, as shown by the evidence of Mr W. Sprague to produce a condition, in which the vessel's stability was seriously impaired, and that she became unstable and fell over on her starboard side. The Court considered the possibility of the vessel's remaining locked in the left bank, and the possibility of the vessel's being lifted by the main engine being ordered to full speed ahead. The time available for the vessel's being lifted in question and had its effects been confined entirely to either No. 1 or No. 2 hold, the vessel's stability would have been insufficient to jeopardise her immediate safety, and that, in fact, it had occurred, would have been considerably delayed.

'Mind' And 'Matter'

Reds Prepare For Big Battle

ARMIES ON THE MOVE

China's Fate In Balance



Sculptor Percy Portmouth arrives at the Royal Academy, London, with his twin sculptures, "Mind" and "Matter," for inclusion in the exhibition.

Nanking, Apr. 10.—The Communist Radio reported tonight that four Red field armies are massing to fight their way across the Yangtze river in a battle that might decide the fate of China.

The Nationalist defenders were reported to have hurried back the first Communist onslaught today. When Communist units attempted crossing at Huayang, 175 miles southwest of Nanking, the government artillery sank 10 Communist junks and repulsed the attackers, semi-official reports said.

Half a million Nationalist defenders patrolled the south bank of the Yangtze tonight, anxiously awaiting what the Communist Radio said would be crossing to "liberate" 200,000-000 Chinese in Nationalist areas. A spearhead of 10,000 Communist troops, advancing along the north bank of the mile-wide river, was reported to be within 11 miles of Nanking. Communist artillery was in the range of the Nanking-Shanghai railway, threatening the total blockade of the capital.

The new onslaught was announced only 24 hours after the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, had promised "lenient" dealings with the Nationalists.

RADIO'S CLAIMS

The Red radio said that three armies were "massed" on the Yangtze's north bank and the fourth was hastening south from Kiangsu province. The broadcast said that the troops were seeking "realisation of a true peace according to the eight-point peace terms of the Chinese Communist Party and the liberation of 200,000,000 people south of the Yangtze river."

The Communist statement claimed that the people are "zealously supporting" the southward advance of the Communist armies. It said, "All railways, highways and country roads north of the Yangtze are being quickly repaired."

Northeast China, war service workers and provisions are rolling southward in the wake of the formidable army to the banks of the Yangtze River. They have been degraded and fleets of vessels are waiting to transport the Army across the river.—United Press.

Explosion Wrecks Church: 6 Killed, 40 Injured

Marion, South Dakota, Apr. 10.—A butane gas explosion shattered the little St Mary's Catholic Church just before the 9 a.m. palm Sunday Mass today, killing at least six worshippers and injuring more than 40. A witness said the blast was touched off as two altar boys struck matches to light the altar candles for the Mass.

An investigation showed that the small brick church was full of gas from a basement furnace leak and that any spark could have touched off an explosion.

The church's shingle roof was lifted in the air and collapsed onto pews buckling in the middle. The brick walls trembled crazily, some falling inward and some outward.

Six persons were counted dead in the first few hours after the blast and a crew of 50 workers dug through the debris for possible additional victims.

About 10 of the injured were in serious condition. The roof was dragged away quickly with bulldozers, however, and searchers believed that no more victims would be found.

Some 30 injured worshippers were rushed to hospitals in nearby Sioux Falls, Yankton and Mitchell, South Dakota. In addition, Dr W. E. Heib said that about a dozen other persons were treated for minor injuries at their homes here. Neighbours came running up to help the trapped and screaming worshippers. They said they came staggering out of the church blackened by the blast. Most of the dead were struck down at the doorway.

Amelia Stubbs, who lives across the street, and other witnesses told of seeing a great column of smoke and dust arise from the church before it collapsed. There was no fire. The neighbours moved into the street.—(Continued On Page 5)

Workmen Still Struggling To Save Girl Who Fell 100 Feet Down Well

San Marino, California, Apr. 10.—Hard-bitten, sweating workmen, struggling to save the life of three-year-old Kathy Fiscus, today began cutting into the narrow old castiron well casing in which the blonde, blue-eyed tot has been trapped, nearly 100 feet underground, since Friday afternoon.

The tedious cutting operation began shortly before noon, after nearly two days of heart-breaking delays. Kathy's parents and several thousand spectators, some of whom had arrived on Friday afternoon, waited anxiously under the blazing sun.

Mr and Mrs David Fiscus refused to give up hope and several doctors agreed there was still a possibility Kathy might be alive.

Dr J. G. Norwood, chairman of the San Marino Red Cross which has holed out gallons of coffee and bushels of sandwiches to rescue workers, said that if Kathy were unconscious so that she had not struggled there was a big possibility

that she was alive. He agreed with Dr Paul Hanson, who delivered Kathy, that the three and a half year old child could survive 48 hours or more without food or water.

Paul Nelford, a cesspool contractor, crawled through a small tunnel and punched two holes into the 14-inch casing in which Kathy is trapped. He said he saw nothing. Then Clyde Harp, a well-digger, and Homer Blackedortor, a sandhog, went down. Harp said he found a slit in the well casing at about 94-foot level. Inside, he said, there was a "lot of debris," but no sign of the girl. He believed the presence of debris indicated that Kathy was above that point.

Further cutting operation on the well casing were delayed when a lateral tunnel connecting the 104-foot rescue shaft with the abandoned well where Kathy lay began to cave in. It was necessary to shore up the tunnel with heavy timbers.

At one point, spectators watching the operations were horrified to hear two underground workers report another cave-in where they were

shoring up the tunnel. They called into the tunnel, with a public address system, that a cave-in had started. Then they called again: "Don't get excited or worried. It's just a small chunk."

Earlier in the morning, work on the lateral tunnel was delayed four hours when water seeped into the 104-foot rescue shaft and lateral tunnel. Work had to be suspended until the water could be pumped out and the accumulated debris removed.

At the same time, however, it was demonstrated that water was probably not present in the well where Kathy lay. Nelford drained a water gauge down the casing on the end of a 130-foot cord and it came back dry.

Since the well is believed to be only 120 feet deep, it was thought the gauge had probably reached bottom, unless it had stopped against an obstruction. As the men worked in relays to ready the tunnel and break into Kathy's underground prison, an ambulance and three doctors stood by, ready to rush the tot to St Luke's Hospital in nearby Pasadena.—United Press.

STEEL OFFICE FURNITURE AND FIREPROOF SAFES

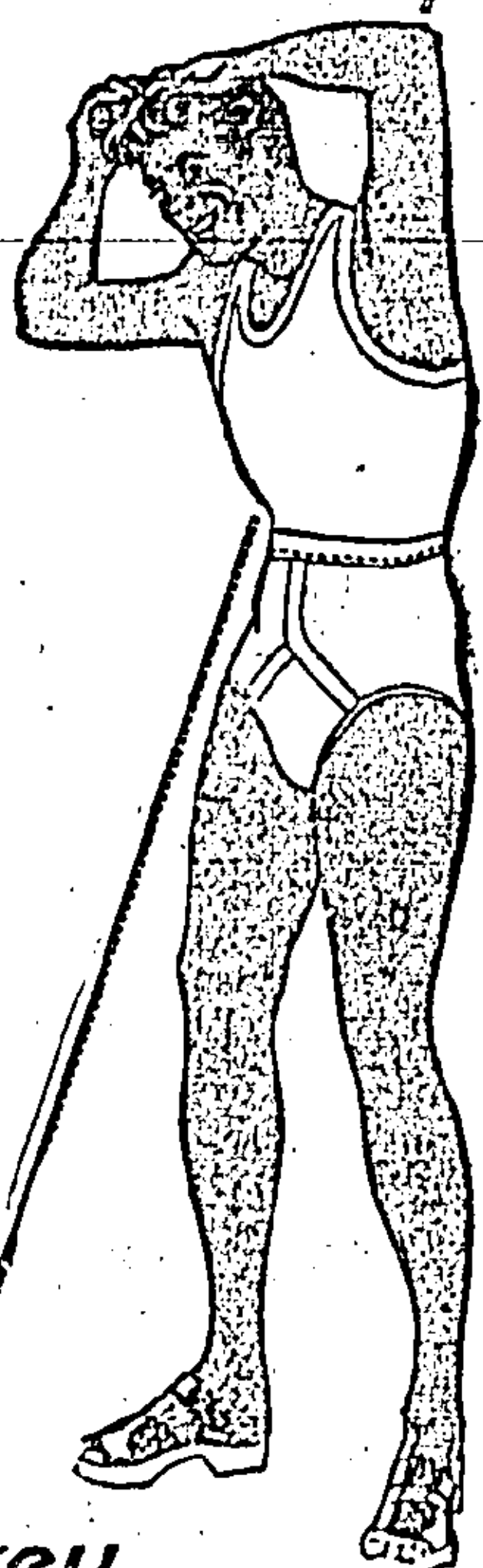
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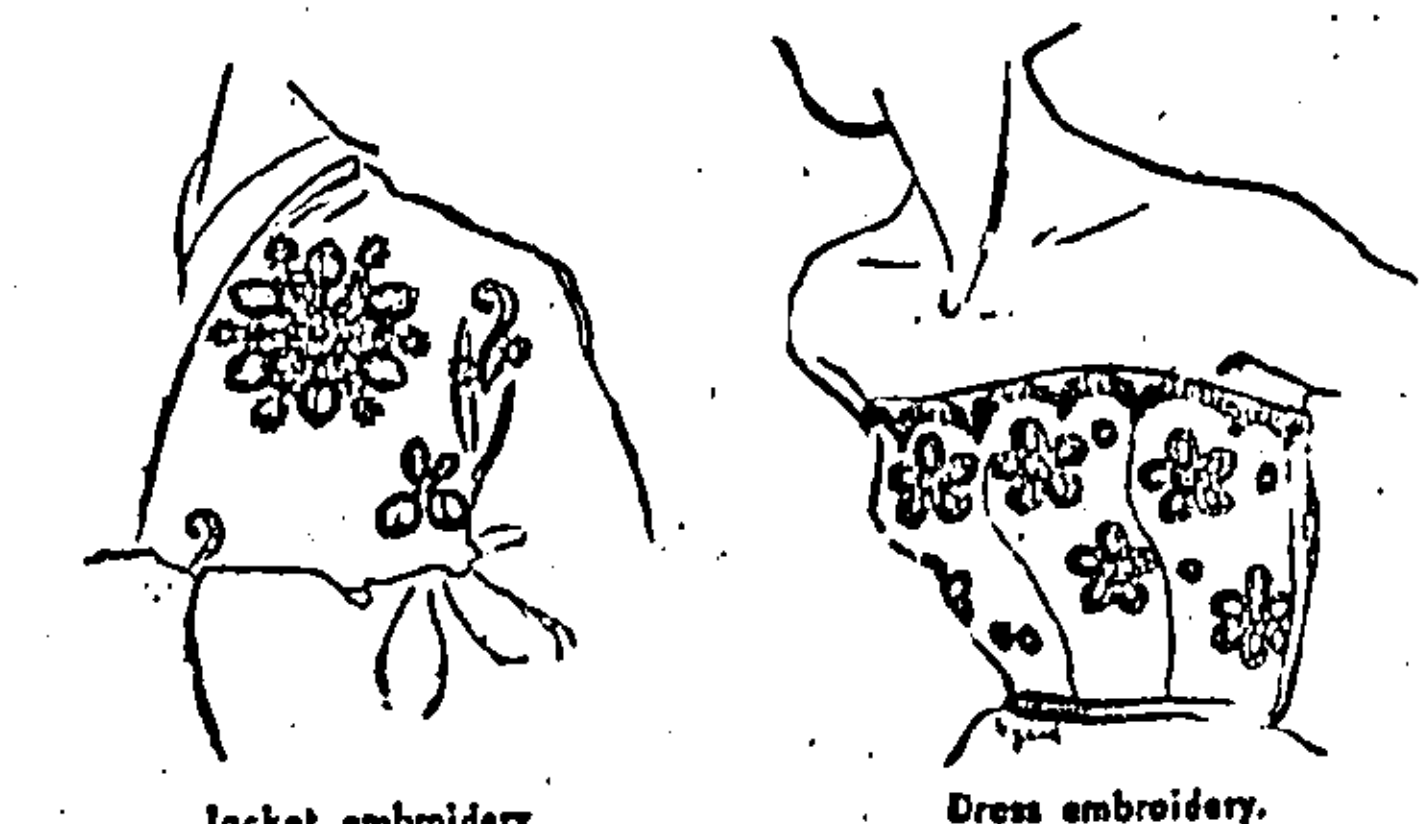
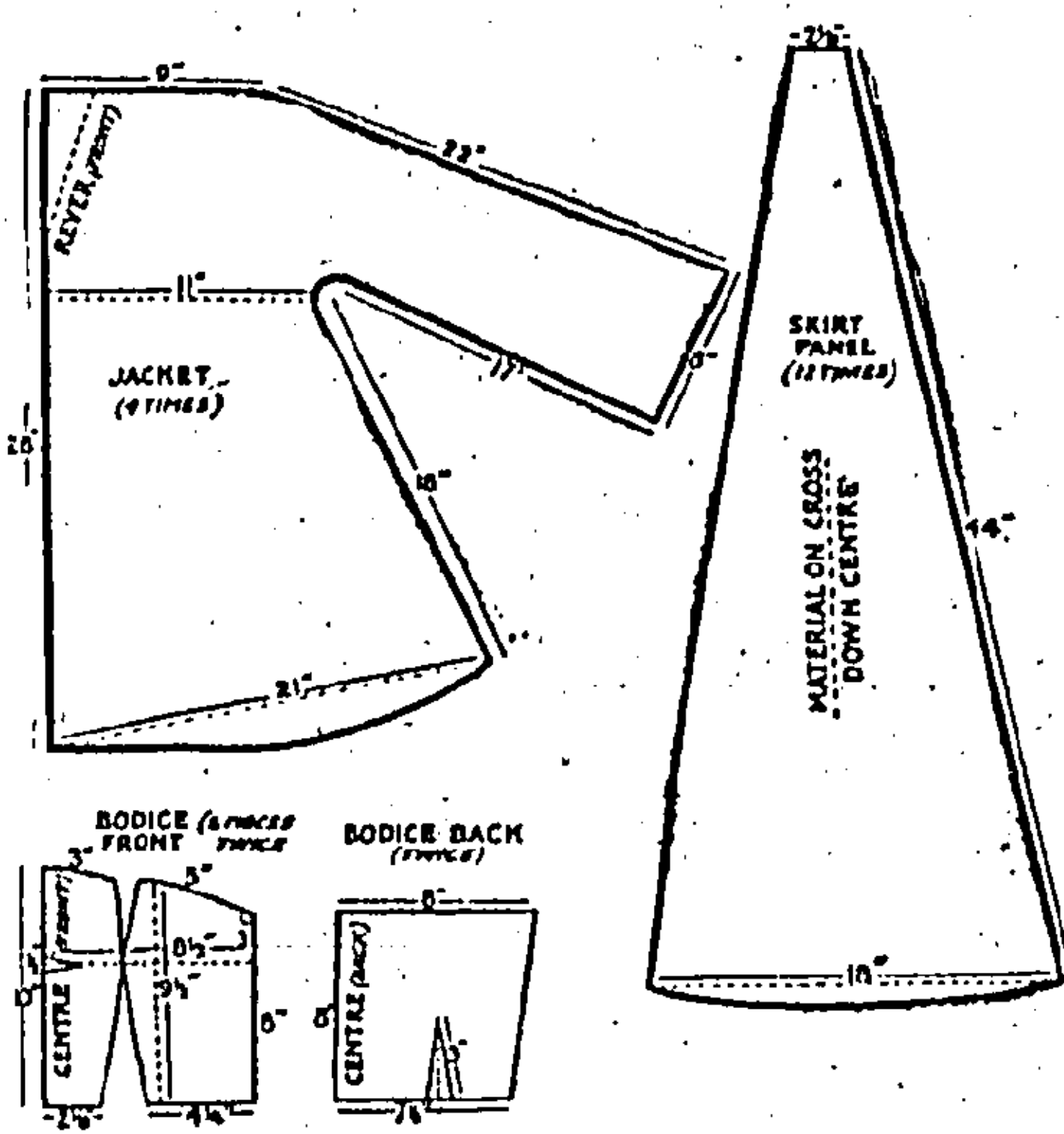
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JACKET DIRECTIONS—Cut four identical pieces, following measurements on the diagram. Two pieces must be reversed. You may prefer to cut yourself a guide pattern first from brown or newspaper. The embroidery sketch shows you how to attach the sequins and sequins. The flowers and scrolls should be worked in gold embroidery silk.

What Your Nails Tell A Doctor

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

STRANGE as it may seem to many, an examination of the nails may give information about certain conditions which may be present. Peculiarly enough, it seems that disorders affecting the arteries may produce changes in the nails.

Normally, the nail has a white, crescent-shaped area at its base and, overlying the base of the nail, is a film of skin or cuticle, which is firmly fastened to the nail.

One form of arterial disturbance is known as Raynaud's disease. In this condition there is a spasm of the blood vessels which reduces the flow of blood through them. These conditions may be minor forms of this condition. In these disorders, the layer of skin at the base of the nail becomes thin, and the material fastening the skin to the nail extends outward over the nail.

The same sort of a condition may develop in a form of neuritis.

It has been found that when the nerves to the blood vessels have been cut to relieve the symptoms of Raynaud's disease, these abnormal conditions of the nails disappear.

If an artery is blocked off, due to the formation of a clot or to a spasm, the growth of

the nails is retarded, so that cutting the nails may be unnecessary for a period of months. The nails become thick and rough, with ridges across them. The colour of the nail also may become darker.

In those cases in which the blood supply is greatly reduced, the nails may become very sensitive, so that even slight pressure may cause excruciating pain. In some severe cases, the nail may become loose, and drop off.

Disturbances of the circulation rarely cause infection of the nails, but the nails may be distorted in such cases. An infection of the bone at the ends of the toes or fingers may cause an abscess to form under the nails. Of course, such a condition usually requires surgical treatment.

Hence, it is evident that examination of the nails is important, since it will sometimes give evidence of severe disorders which may be present.

CROCHET IN FAVOUR

The fine grandmotherly art of crochet has turned up again as strictly fancy fashion. Crocheted dress tops, insets and skirt panels had a new fabric-like importance in Sophie's custom-made collection shown in Saks Fifth Avenue, New York.

A pink linen dress had linen thread popcorn crochet band buttoned around its plain high neck. A green wool dress had inset skirt panels of matching crochet.

Crisp shantings and soft silk furrows, linens and cottons were shown in the summer dresses which usually had wide open, but seldom plunging, necklines and frequently were topped with jackets.

One of the loveliest summer dresses was in white linen with trapunto embroidered leaves, giving a frosty irregular edge to its wide boat neckline, cap sleeves and deep hem.

Some of the dresses were shown with small stiff straw saleros "slip covered" in the dress material. The covers, shaped to the crown and ruffled over the upper brim, came off to show plain black or white straw hat to wear with something else.

WARM DAYS LIE AHEAD



LOTS OF LINEN loom large in the resort and summer fashion picture. Linen in popular white and navy is the choice for the neat number on the left. The white linen sleeveless top has little pointed flaps covering the shoulders, and navy blue buttons close the front. The skirt is of heavy navy blue linen with one large patch pocket at the side. The skirt has gathers in front and is gored in the back, and there is a navy leather belt. The strapless bathing suit has been a favourite at southern winter resorts, so its popularity is presaged for summer. The one on the right has a string-tied halter that is adjustable for swimming and ties in a bow for beach wear. It is fashioned of a yellow chintz printed in a turquoise sea-shell pattern. The edges are corded and the bodice is gently moulded. There is a kick pleat in front of the gently flared skirt.

These clothes set Paris talking

JACQUES FATH'S evening dress and jacket of sackcloth material, trimmed with gold and silver sequins, embroidery and walnut shells, made a sensation when they were shown at his Paris collection. Film star Rita Hayworth promptly placed an order for them for her trousseau.

Reputed cost of each model—£150.

Fashion artist Sigrid shows how YOU could make a similar outfit for summer evenings and holidays. Her diagrams are simple to follow and are drawn for a 34-inch bust measurement.

THE jacket takes four yards of 36-in. material, the full-length dress nine yards of 60-in. material. Sigrid suggests flared skirt, either in natural shade or coloured, which costs a few shillings a yard. For decoration you will need about 1,000 gold and silver

sequins mixed (you can buy these in strips ready for sewing on), some strands of gold embroidery silk and a couple of pounds of walnuts. Varnish these and use a small gimlet to make the necessary holes to attach them.

THE bodice diagrams are prepared for a 34-in. bust and 25½-in. waist measurement. If you want a large size you will have to allow a little extra.

Cut four pieces for the front of the bodice, two for the back, following measurements on diagram. It is advisable to try this in an old piece of material first for fit. Put a zip fastener down the centre back, extending 4-in. down into the skirt (between two panels).

For the skirt, cut 12 panels, six for front and six for back. Close-up sketch of the bodice embroidery shows you how to sew on the sequins.

To give the bodice a nice firm fit, you can buy one of the new strapless, boned evening brasieres. (London Express Service)

Home-mades without the home-made look

By ELEANOR ROSS

WHAT to do about the high cost of really good clothes of fine material and finish?

Well, you might do as does lovely Patrice Munsel, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and make your own.

When Patrice turns up at rehearsal in a smart new number, her colleagues don't ask if it is a Miniboocher or Molyneux. They know it's Munsel.

Interested in making her own wardrobe since her high school days in Spokane, Washington, the brilliant young American prima donna has evolved all manner of tricks of the trade. Furthermore, she has grown up with a good sense of values, and with the firm conviction that just because a dress is made at home, it doesn't have to have that home-made look.

Home-mades

First of all, the wise Patrice says, one reason why home-made clothes get that look is because women lack patience in carrying out a sewing project. Enthusiastic at first, many of them peter out, and in their rush to get the job done with, they aren't too careful about the fitting. Thus, Patrice cautions, don't put a deadline on what you do, especially if the sewing is a new venture. It is most ill-advised to look in your closet on Thursday and decide you simply have to have a dress for Saturday night, rush out, buy the material and pattern, and then expect to have something that looks like a professional job.

For best results, the singer says, get some unbleached muslin up to 100 inches wide, and lay your pattern on this first. Patrice has had years of experience in making her own clothes but she still makes up each new dress in muslin first, before cutting it out in the

actual fabric. Doing it this way, she has found, she can iron out any kinks that may develop as the sewing progresses, and thus avoid the risk of ruining expensive material.

Practical tips

Another of her practical tips has to do with gathering a skirt. She advises dividing it first into halves, then into quarters, adjusting each quarter separately. In that way, she doesn't get more gathers in one place than in another. When using sheer fabric, she places a strip of newspaper under the material and this helps form even gathers. Then the paper is torn off.

Patrice covers buttons herself, and does a fine professional job. For metallic fabrics or satin, both of which tend to ravel, she uses colourless nail polish on the circle of fabric that is to cover the button. The polish also prevents the fabric from cutting or splitting when stretched over a button.

One professional in handling simple fabrics, the singer suggests that women try their hand at novelties such as brocades and chintzes, many of which she finds in drapery departments. Then, as proficiency grows, she becomes fun to come home, patterns, taking a sleeve from one, a neckline from another, to result in a really original creation.

Jane Wyman Doesn't Want To Be Typed

By PATRICIA CLARY

JANE Wyman, who spent years in and out of the movies as a chorus hooper and blues singer, has suddenly been acclaimed as one of the world's top actresses.

Miss Wyman carries off the 1948 Academy award for her portrayal of a deaf and dumb slavey in Warner's "Johnny Belinda." But before she made that she was No. 1 woman in a No. 2 western and third in a film about Cole Porter's life.

The brown-eyed blonde has been climbing up the Hollywood ladder ever since she was eight. She came to Hollywood then because her mother thought she ought to be in pictures. Nobody else thought so.

She came back when she was 15 and broke down Hollywood doors for four years. All she had were jobs as a hooper.

Talent Unrecognised

Miss Wyman got her first noticeable role in 1936. Nobody recognised this Academy Award talent then, either. She had spent the last 12 years feeding pags to Jack Carson and losing the hero to Ann Sheridan in such an assembly-line item as "Smart Blonde." "You're in the Army Now," "Make Your Own Bed," "The Doughgirls," "Footlight Serenade," etc.

The lady says she didn't mind. "It was comedy that first brought me luck in motion pictures," she said. "Nobody likes to laugh more than I. I don't want to be a big dramatic actress for keeps."

She says her latest picture, "A Kiss in the Dark," is about as big a contrast to "Johnny Belinda" as she can imagine. "I'm sure people expected me to take another serious role, but I don't want them to know what to expect," she said. "It's not good to have people think, 'Oh, Jane Wyman's in the picture. I'll bring an extra handkerchief.'"—United Press.

Keeping The Slender Shape



If you have a nice figure keep it that way with regular exercise, Mona Freeman, of the Silver Screen advises.

By HELEN FOLLETT

KEEP figure wise. If you have a slender, willowy shape, don't fancy that it's going to stay that way the rest of your life. You must have exercise, you must mind your eating habits. It's smart now to enroll in a gym class. You've no idea how many women are working to maintain the youthful silhouette.

If you observe that you are a few pounds heavier, that the frock you bought last year is a bit snug, let that be a warning to you. If the poundage has upped to twenty, you are in for some muscle flexing. Also, you must not be tempted when the cute little cakes are passed at the tea party. Let fat cells get to start in. It is not easy to stop them. A lot of their friends and relatives will appear. The first thing you know there will be curves where you don't want them.

These days, when the crusade for health, hygiene and beauty goes on under flying banners, there is no reason why any woman should endure spread-mindedness. A well fitted foundation garment will exercise restraint on bulge, but it will not restore tone to slack fibres.

To avoid over-weight lie on your back in bed, hands under the buttocks. Lift the legs slowly until you are fairly standing on the back of your head. Lower them slowly. Do that movement ten times. Relax, take five or six deep inhalations, then at it again.

When there is a little shelf about the waistline, it is possible for the internal organs to become displaced because of lack of muscle support. When that condition is present, physicians recommend this exercise as being beneficial.



Easter Dinner Suggestions

EASTER should always start with a happy surprise—especially when there are children.

They love an Easter egg hunt in the house before breakfast. For this, hide plenty of little jelly eggs in both easy and hard-to-find places. And give each child a pretty basket or box in which to put the eggs they find. The prize? A bunny, of course, in an Easter basket. Give each of the other children a smaller bunny sitting on the table at their places.

As to the breakfast table, make it gay. Use a bright cloth or new place mats. Have an attractive fruit bowl, and at least one specially nice food; perhaps eggs shirred, in top cream and topped with a bacon slice; or serve nut waffles with maple syrup. Youngsters, (and I dare say oldsters,) would also enjoy crisp cornflake sandwiches, merely cornflakes arranged in bowls with layers of fruit cocktail, and top cream to pour over.

Traditional

Ham is the traditional meat for Easter dinner. Next in favour come broiled or fried chicken, or roast leg of lamb. Most men will settle for ham.

Of course, there's the budget to consider and an 8 to 10 lb. ham makes a big dent in a week's pay-check. But even if quite a large group is coming for Easter dinner, there will be enough left to serve another day to the family; a rechauffee from the scraps will make a third meal, and there's still the bone to use in a bubbling hot pea soup. Perhaps you'll find a small smoked picnic shoulder a better buy for your family. But if that comes a bit too high, try raw sliced ham cut ½ in. thick; dot it with a few cloves, cover with apple juice and slow-bake 40 min. Serve it on a big platter with a garnish of new turnips in brown butter, boiled onions and parsley, and with raisin sauce, and you'll have a dish of which even the Chef would be proud.

Easter Dinner
Shrimp Salad Twin Biscuits
Baked Ham Raisin Sauce
Potato Souffle Boiled Onions
Young Turnips in Brown Butter
Strawberry Bavarian Cream
Crisp Cookies
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Potato Souffle
Combine 3 c. smooth, hot, mashed potatoes, (no lumps), with 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, ½ c. heated milk, ¼ tsp. sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Separate 2 eggs. Beat the whites until light and stiff, the yolks until creamy. Beat the yolks into the mashed potato. Heap lightly into an oiled casserole or baking dish. Set this in a pan of hot water; bake until firm in a moderate oven, 35 to 375 F., allowing about 35 min.

Good Friday

Tomorrow will be Good Friday. A day when many homemakers will be attending special church services. So let's have a dinner that can be oven-cooked to save time.

Friday Dinner
Spiced Tomato Juice Crackers
Baked Barbecued Fish Fillets
Oven-Fried Potatoes
Fried Beans
Tossed Green Salad Bowl
with French Dressing
Bread-and-Butter Custard
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Barbecued Fillets Dinner
Purchase from 1 to 1½ lb. fish fillets or small fish steaks, any kind. Place in a well oiled baking pan into which they fit. Cover with ½ c. barbecue sauce. Dot with 2 tbsp. butter or margarine and bake in a moderate oven, 350 F., until slightly browned and the fish flakes when tried with a fork. Allow about 25 min. for fish fillets, and 35 min. for fish steaks. To serve, serve on a large platter with a garnish of lemon wedges, parsley or watercress.

Trick of the Chef

To whip evaporated milk very quick, first pour it right from the tin into the freezing tray of the refrigerator. Freeze about 35 min., or until it is full of crystals. Scrape it out in a small, chilled, deep bowl and beat with a hand or an electric beater; it will be light and fluffy very soon.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



RAIDING PARTY—Recent sub-zero temperatures in Germany have brought renewed activity on the part of pilfering school children. These youngsters carry buckets with them as they climb on to coal trucks leaving Tempelhof Airport, in Berlin. Whatever they get will be warmly received at home.



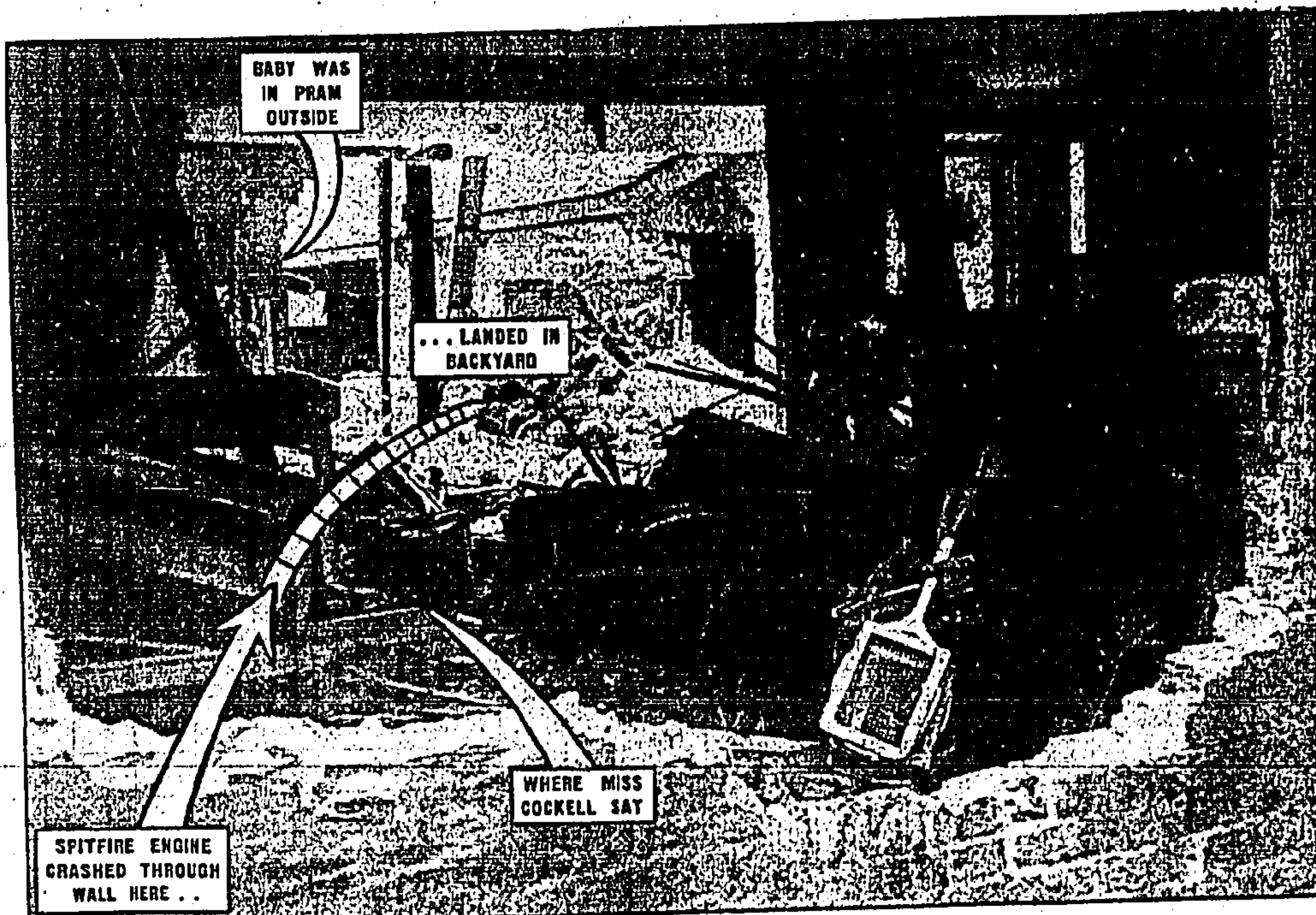
SEEK HOMES IN AMERICA—These 67 young orphans, arriving in New York by plane from Germany, are all natives of Baltic countries. They are the first of a group of 250 children who will be sent to homes throughout the U.S. for ultimate adoption by private families. Their new life begins under the auspices of the US Committee for the Care of European Children.



GOOD FORM—Aja Vrzanova, of Czechoslovakia, exhibits the form that won her the world's women's figure skating title in Paris. Here she works out on the ice of the Wembley Empire Pool in London, as she prepares for some exhibitions.

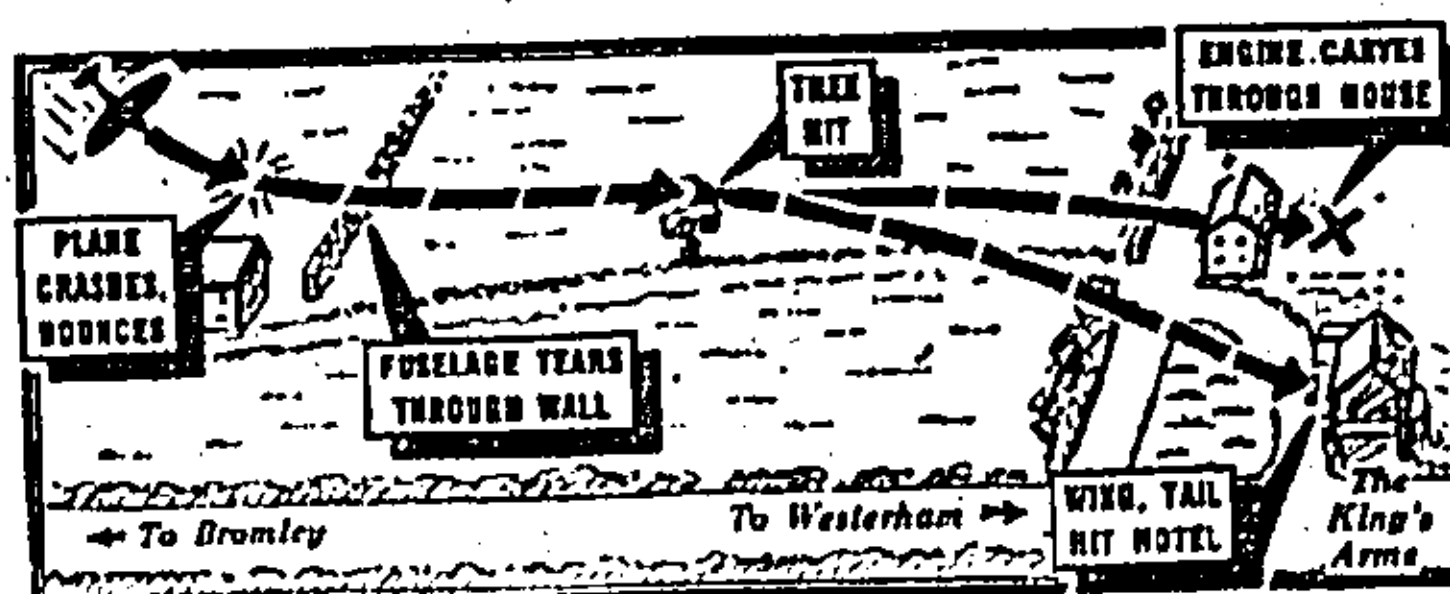


BIRTHDAY GREETING—King Frederik of Denmark appears with his family on the balcony of the Amalienborg Palace, in Copenhagen, to wave to crowds cheering his 50th birthday.



THREE PEOPLE WERE IN THIS ROOM
Guest Miss Cockell was killed. Hostess and child were safe.

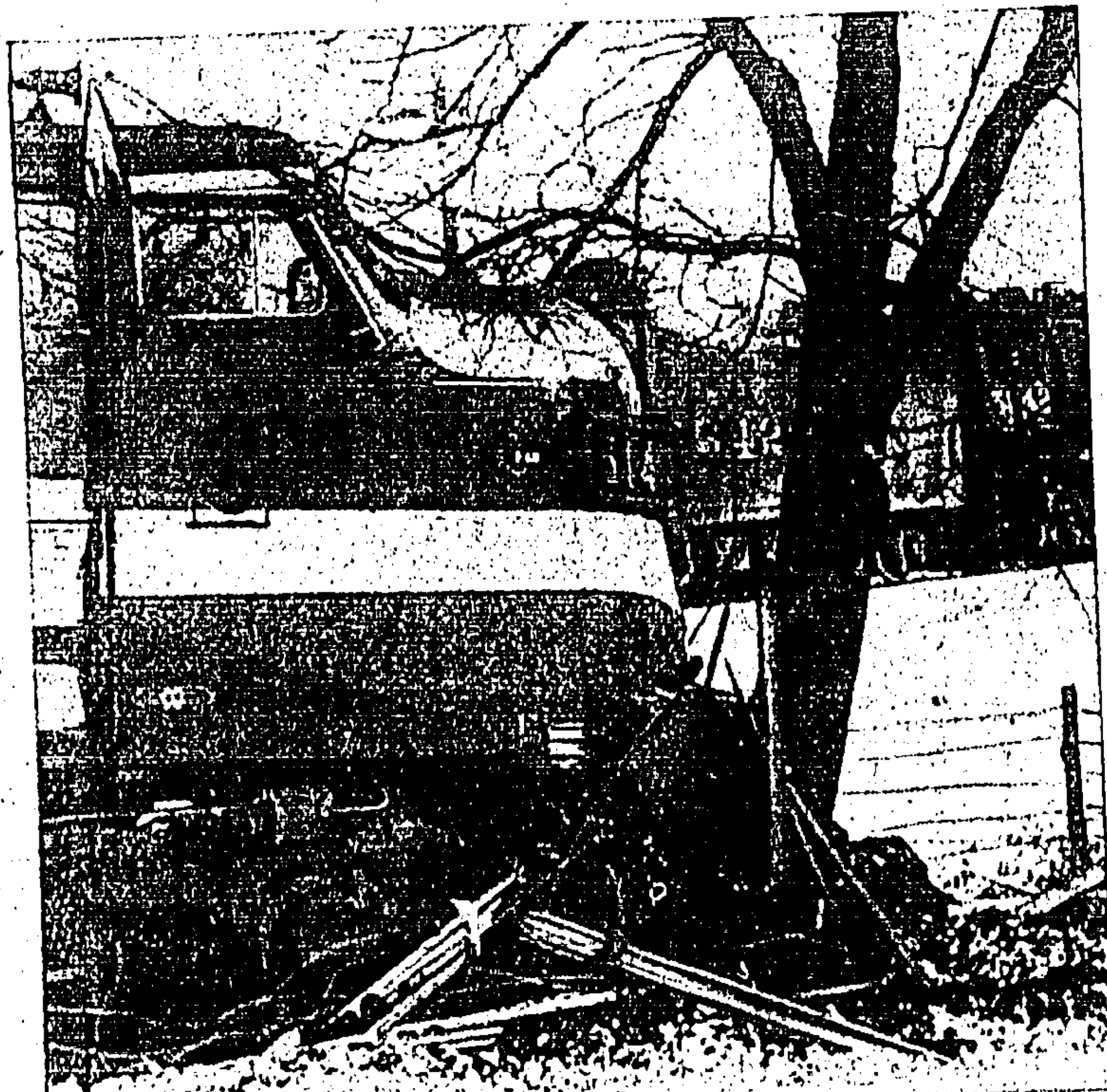
SPITFIRE CRASH—The pictures and diagram above and below show what happened when a RAF Spitfire crashed at Biggin Hill, Kent, near the famous Battle of Britain airfield. The plane's engine was hurled into a nearby house (above) killing an 18-year-old girl. The wing and tail fell on to a hotel (below). The pilot was killed.



WING AND TAIL CRASH INTO THE KING'S ARMS
Car BKT 773 lies crumpled. Owner, was in the bar.



HAVING LAST WORD—Yelling angrily at the photographer, a woman demonstrator is led away during a Communist-directed demonstration in Rome. Because they strongly oppose Italy's joining the Atlantic Pact, the Reds have staged violent protests.



NARROW ESCAPE—This diesel engine crashed into another goods train near Harrisonville, Missouri, then rammed into a tree, which prevented it from plunging into a nearby lake. Ten wagons were derailed in the freak accident, but no one was injured.



AN APPLE A DAY—Radio singer Patsy Lee bites into a giant apple in celebration of the recent Apple Week in Chicago. Not as tasty as the normal variety, this one's made of paper. Patsy says apples help to keep that figure.

JOAN BLONDELL,

glamorous star says, "Pink lipstick's the Hollywood craze and 'Pink Queen' is the perfect pink."



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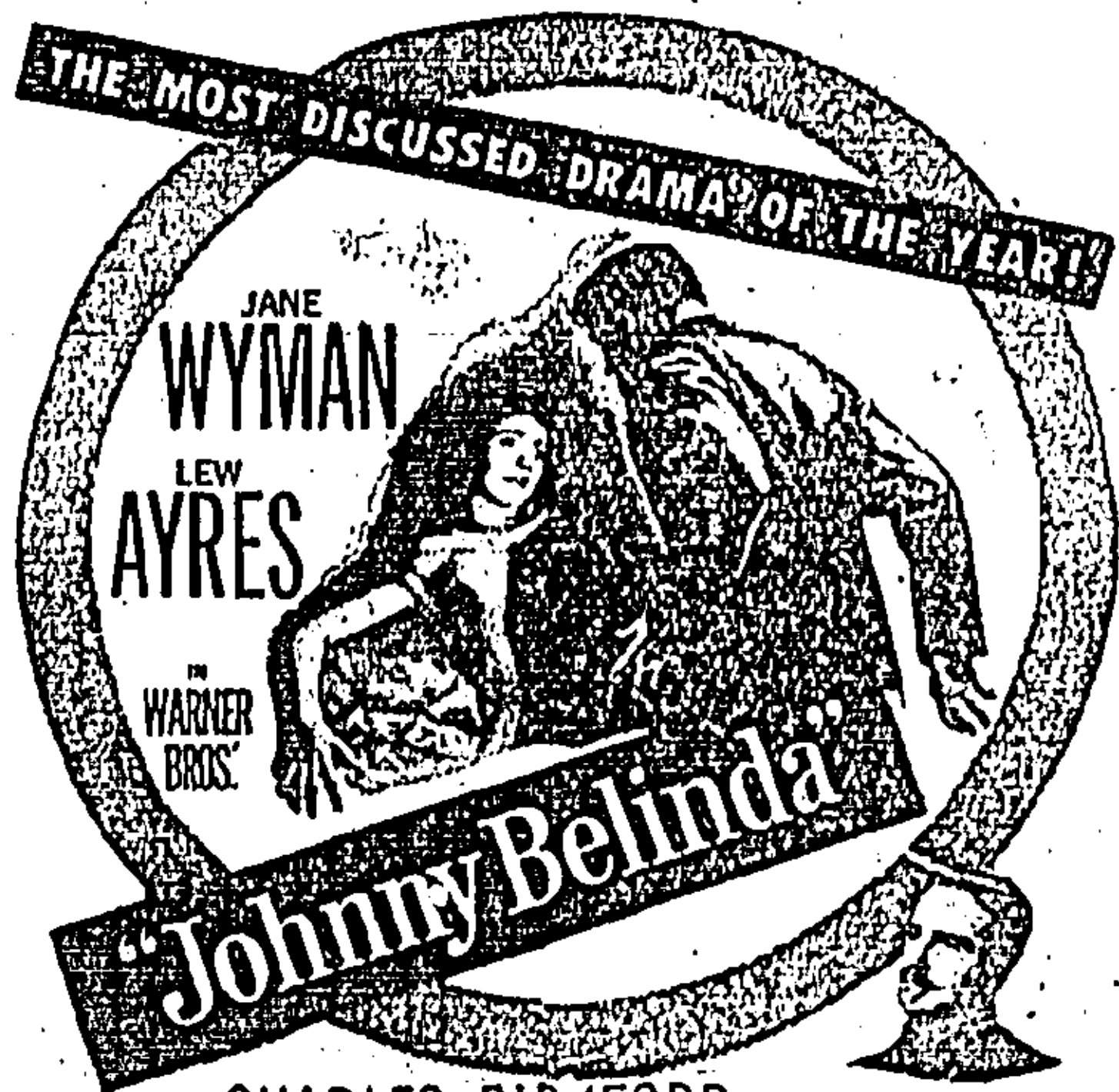
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KENNEL CLUB POLL PLOTS BRITAIN'S PET-POPULARITY CURVE Poodles and corgis chase spaniel for top-dog title

BY CHAPMAN PINCHER

CHANGES in dog fashions are on the way. The five favourites—cocker spaniel, Alsatian, wire-haired fox terrier, peke, and Scottie—all show big drops in new registrations since last year, when each set a breed record.

The new challengers climbing steadily up the list, according to a popularity poll published by the Eng-

land Kennel Club recently, are the low-slung Welsh corgi and the miniature poodle.

Total registrations of pedigree pups have slumped 15,000 in 12 months—the cocker alone has lost more than 5,500—but these two breeds show a marked increase.

At eighth place the corgi is thrusting more strongly now, but Kennel Club experts tip the frisky poodle, now lying 15th, as the outsider most likely to end the cocker's record run as top dog.

Cause of the corgi vogue is clear-cut. The breed's natural scowling appeal was given a tremendous boost when the corgi became favourites of the two Princesses.

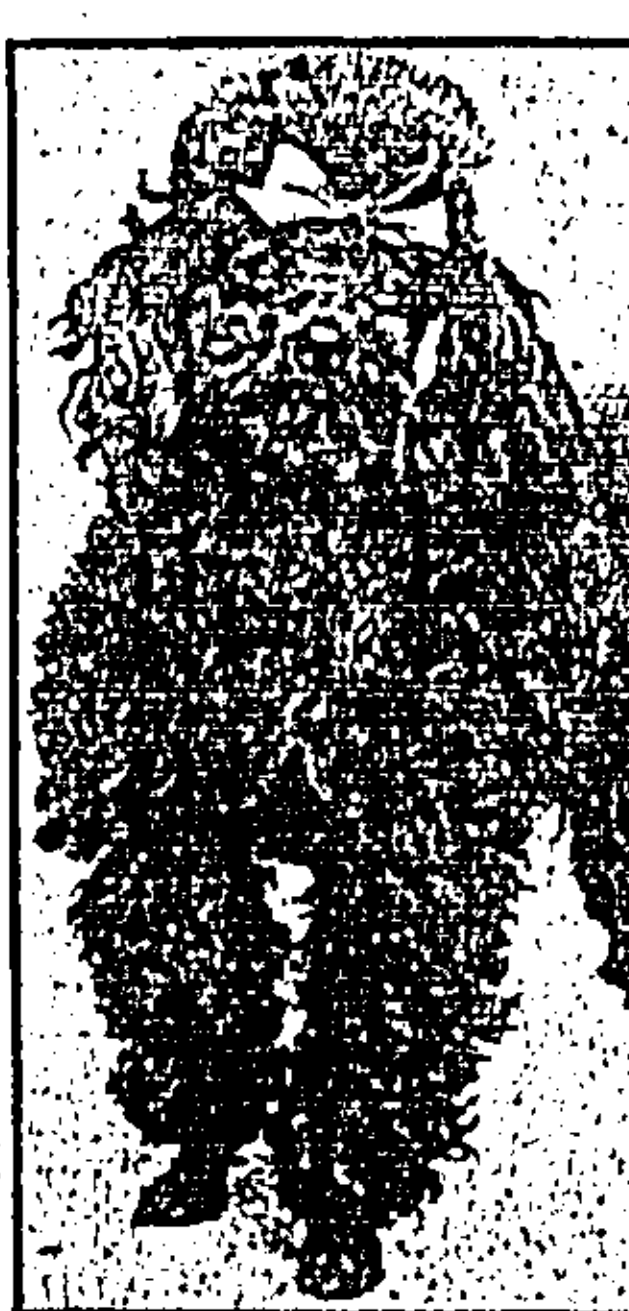
But the human factors behind the poodle's popularity are as vague and perhaps as emotional as the deep under-currents responsible for the triumph of the New Look.

The spice of novelty is certainly not one of them. Toy poodles have been about for 200 years, and the breed originated further back than written records go.



CORGI
The two
challengers

"TOY" POODLE



Cynologists—as dog experts call themselves—shrug tweedy shoulders when asked to explain the ups and downs of breed popularity.

They point to the Kennel Club's records dating back to 1859 as proof that fashion in dogs is fickle.

These records show that moderate size undoubtedly helps in keeping a dog popular. Fifteen of the top 20 breeds are definitely small. All the big dogs—the St. Bernard and Great Dane—are way down the list, not only in meat-short Britain but in America.

But the different fates of the pom and the peke—both toy dogs of similar size and habits—prove that no single feature is sufficient to keep a breed in favour. While the pom has dropped since 1912 from top place to 32nd in a list of 105 recognised breeds, the peke has remained a steady favourite.

The collie's position in America—it lies third to the cocker and the beagle—is largely due to the influence of Lassie, of Hollywood.

But the Alsatian is only just recovering from 20-year-old

rumours that the dog was a wolf-hybrid, and therefore unsafe with children.

But Alsatis—and ALL domestic dogs—are part-wolf.

Some scientists believed that Jackals and foxes are part-ancestors of the dog. But new reports list five good reasons why the dog is descended from the wolf alone:

DOGS will breed with wolves—Eskimos still cross sledge

dogs with wild wolves to improve stamina.

TEETH of the two animals are closely alike.

WOLVES can easily be domesticated if captured as cubs. LONELY dogs forget how to bark and begin to howl like a wolf.

PUPPIES and CUBS, newborn, remain blind for the same length of time—nine days.—(London Express Service).

Ups & Downs

This chart, based on Kennel Club statistics, shows how the popularity of different breeds has varied between 1912 and 1948. The numbers show the order of popularity in a particular year. No. 1 favourite is shown as 1, second as 2, and so on. Both the corgi and the poodle are coming up fast, but neither has yet reached the first.

Alsatis were not introduced to Britain until Army of Occupation troops brought them back from Alsace.

BREED	1912	1920	1928	1936	1944	1948
POMERANIAN	1	6	15	23	20	32
BULLDOG	2	4	73	18	14	12
SMOOTH-HAIRED FOX-TERRIER	3	5	6	8	8	17
PEKINGESE	4	2	4	4	5	4
WIRE-HAIRED FOX-TERRIER	5	1	1	2	2	3
AIREDALE	6	3	5	13	17	19
SCOTTISH TERRIER	8	10	8	3	4	5
COCKER SPANIEL	11	8	3	1	1	1
CARN TERRIER	27	12	7	5	6	9
ALSATIAN	*	17	2	8	3	2

'Cures' from the jungle

By DON TAYLOR

THE "medicine men" of West Africa say they have a cure for the common cold.

They claim another one for rheumatism.

Ever since the days of Livingstone, Mungo Park, Stanley, and other early explorers of Africa, travellers have brought back tales of the black medicine men and their remarkable cures.

How much truth is there in it? For the first time Western medical men will know the answer to that question.

For Dr. Ralph Armattee, himself Gold Coast born, has persuaded the medicine men to reveal their secrets.

Not witch doctors

WHEN he went back from the Gold Coast to Britain recently with 18 cases of drugs and herbs and a lot of information, much speculation was aroused.

Now the doctor—he is director of the Lamesha Research Centre at Londonberry—has told in the magazine "West Africa" something of his trip and his aims.

Do not, he warns, confuse African medicine men with the traditional witch doctors.

They are men to whom centuries-old medical secrets of the jungle have been confided by parents and grandparents.

They proved very willing "to submit their knowledge to scientific scrutiny."

Their treatment of eczema and erysipelas is often more successful than ours.

Among other ailments they claim to cure are: Sterility, impotence, anaemia, malaria, tuberculosis, gastric ulcers, leprosy, asthma, sleeplessness, and small-pox.

"We certainly do not believe they can cure all of them, but we must keep an open mind," says Dr. Armattee.

What do other authorities say about these "cures" from the tropical jungle?

Lord Hailey's classic, "An African Survey," says: "Not all those who practise native medicine in Africa can be dismissed as witch doctors. Many are much respected, and it is, indeed, possible that a study of the herbs used by some of them might add to the list of

remedies, such as quinine, which the pharmacopoeia owes to primitive medicinal practices."

In the Gold Coast I have spoken to a shrewd and cynical young English pathologist who was convinced that the "bush doctors" had many secrets of value to Western medicine.

It was his ambition to discover them.

I remember another Englishman, a rubber planter, who told me of two of his native "boys," dying from the bite of the deadly mamba snake, who recovered when the local medicine man treated them.

Paying the bill

THE difficulty was, he said, entering the "doctor's" bill in the plantation accounts.

For he insisted on being paid in live chickens.

During the war, several tests were made on native remedies—sometimes with unexpected results.

One plant, much used in East Africa as a medicine, provided an excellent foam ingredient for fire extinguisher fluid.

And a root, used as a poison bait for fishes, turned out to be an extremely efficient insecticide!—(London Express Service).

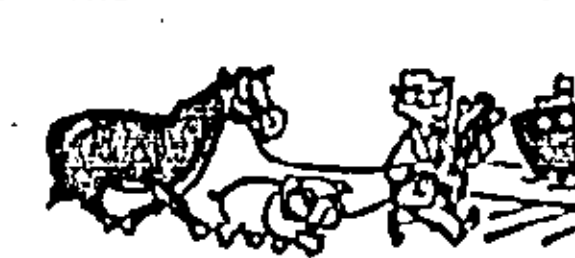
William Hickey

LONDON.
THE PANIC is on about our American visitors—70,000 more expected this year than last.

Tourist Board's SIR ALEXANDER MAXWELL urges Home Secretary CHURCHILL to make London bright and beautiful by night so that they will not miss their home-town high-spots.

The restaurateurs wonder if it is worth keeping open until 2 a.m., and even think about getting a piano and one of those song-and-patter cabaret acts to welcome the dollar-bringers.

But it took the Americans to ask the Americans what they



watching, two large letters, "P" and "O," suddenly blazed red and fiery high above a shipping office in Cocksfoot Street.

Street Scene 2

THE RITZ at lunch time. Tall and haughty commiseration, white-gloved, gold-braided, signalling for a car at the bottom of the steps at Arlington Street, main entrance. Elegant woman waiting at the top.

On the middle step one of London's well-known tramps, with a row of chicken's feathers stuck round the band of his battered bowler, toes hanging out, elaborately ragged clothes.

Deadlock: For the lady wanted to get to her car, the doorman did not want her to have to sidestep the tramp; the tramp obviously thought the Ritz steps an ideal place for a picnic.

The commissioner had to make the concession. With a grand gesture like an archduke conferring with his lord chancellor, he approached the man

and gently asked him to find another place to settle. The tramp got up, bowed and went away. The lady came down and got into her car.

Somewhat it seemed that only in England would the incident have passed off without anyone raising a voice.

THE IDES of March have little on the 1's of April, May and June.

Along Publishers flow there is the usual springtime spate of the first person singular. Due soon are the autobiographies of NOEL COWARD (Part 2), historian DR G. M. TREVELYAN, SIR PHILIP GIBBS, SIR A. L. N. HERBERT, M.P., KATHLEEN BRUCE (who was wife of Captain Scott of the Antarctic and later of Lord Kennell).

Among the less illustrious are the self-told tales of miner PERCY COATES and RESAT NURI GUNETKIN, whose book is simply titled "Autobiography of a Turkish Girl."

THOSE sometimes terrifying insights into other people's domestic lives which come to us by courtesy of the divorce courts illustrated once again the other day that a man's most susceptible point is his vanity.

There was the elderly surgeon, a man of distinction, living in suburbia, basking in his professional eminence and the social status which he had attained by a charming and cultivated bedside manner.

With a few ill-chosen remarks his wife shattered the picture. How? Among comparative strangers she talked about his lumbago.

Immediately the doctor, it seems, is revealed as an ordinary mortal, subject to the ordinary run of undistinguished human ailments.

MR COMMISSIONER BUSH-JAMES, K.C., decided that while he sympathised—such a sorry state of affairs did not constitute cruelty on the wife's part.

Maybe. But it would certainly be easier for us all if there was an unwritten law allowing that a man should hold exclusive conversational-value rights on his own symptoms.

MAN with a speciality act—American music-hall hypnotist-in-a-hurry R. A. P. H. SLATER, who can freeze people into immobility by talking to them.

Men with a worry—revue producers ROBERT NESBITT and BERNARD DELFONTE (of "Latin Quarter") and the touring "Follies Bergere", who fear that one of the undraped showgirls might move the merest muscle and break all the rules about nudeness.

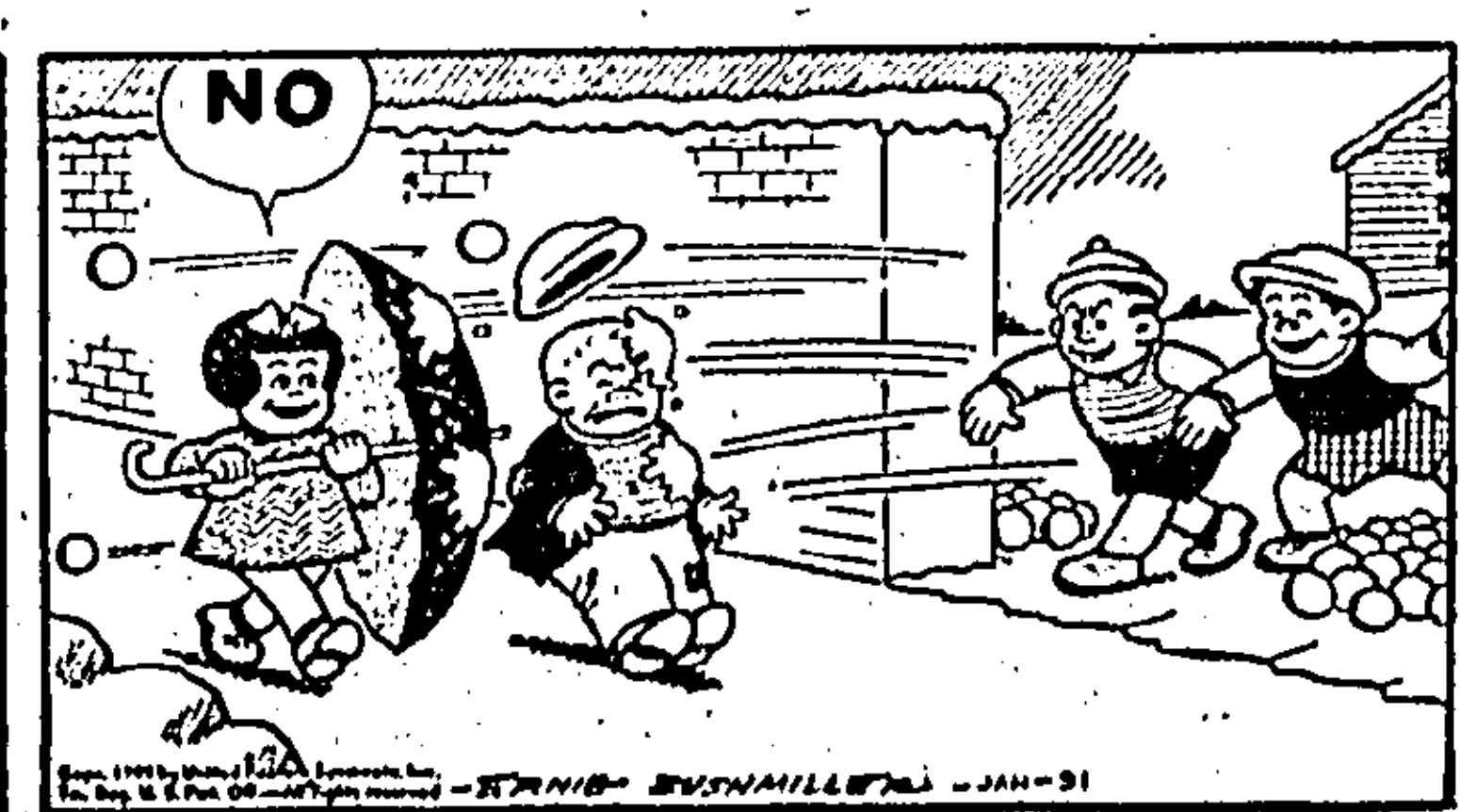
Messrs Slater, Nesbitt, and Delfonte should get together.

—(London Express Service).

NANCY

Fair-Weather Friend

By Ernie Bushmiller



NEW PIER LEASES FOR KOWLOON GODOWNS

Company's Annual Meeting

Addressing the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon wharf and Godown Company Limited, held in the board room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson this morning, the Hon. D. F. Landale (Chairman) disclosed that new pier leases are to be granted.

"Pier rentals are to be increased," he said, "but your Directors consider the terms in general to be satisfactory, and in conformity with the general policy of the Port."

The Chairman also stated that during the past year the Company handled 754 vessels, discharging 655,415 tons of cargo, as compared with 615 vessels discharging 646,000 tons during 1947.

The profit on the year's working was \$2,500,153.00. In his speech, Mr Landale said:

During the last quarter of the year we felt the effects of the maritime strike on the West Coast of the United States, and I feel therefore that the overall increase on the previous year's figures can be considered satisfactory, and is reflected in the figures now before you.

The principal feature of the year, however, was the acute congestion in godown space, resulting in our capacity being fully taxed throughout. In order to meet this situation a total of 45,000 tons additional godown space has been built during the year, and space for about 20,000 tons leased.

By importing pre-fabricated godowns and constructing others of local materials we were able to keep pace with the influx of cargo, and although this type of building it was considered essential to provide the necessary accommodation as quickly as possible. I am glad to say that as a result of this policy no ship's discharge has been delayed and no cargo has had to be diverted elsewhere.

Although an increase in operating costs developed during the year we were able to maintain our charges at the level introduced at the end of 1946, and as the speed of ships' discharge has also been maintained at a higher rate than that of most other ports, the overall cost of ships' working in Hong Kong is comparatively very favourable with anywhere else in the world.

It is also a matter of record that the incidence of pilferage and cargo thefts in the port continues to be extremely low.

Our launch and lighter fleet has been well employed during the year, the overall daily average of employment being 74% of the fleet. Six lighters have been added to the fleet, but four craft which had passed the stage of economical repair have been disposed of, and the strength of the fleet now stands at eight launches and 72 lighters, against our pre-war figures of nine and 120 respectively.

All craft have been maintained in first class condition, and the facilities afforded for rapid and efficient transshipments are being increasingly appreciated by our constituents. A large number of our lighters have been fitted with first class equipment, and the carriage of dangerous cargo, and the latest addition to the fleet is specially constructed for this purpose. The introduction of this craft will considerably reduce the cost of handling small quantities of this type of cargo.

MORE STORAGE SPACE
We have also provided additional facilities for storage of dangerous goods during the year, and an extension to our dangerous goods godowns at Yau Ma Tei is now under construction.

Our general rehabilitation programme has proceeded steadily throughout the year, and extensive maintenance repairs have been carried out throughout our properties. The fire services and sprinkler system at Kowloon Point have been thoroughly overhauled, and new equipment is on order to complete the installations which were unfinished in 1947.

Our mechanical handling equipment has been increased by the arrival of two new electric gantry cranes and two further mobile cranes. The Wharf Praya is now fully served with a battery of six electric gantry cranes, lifting up to 15 tons.

The equipment on our timber yard at Yau Ma Tei has also been supplemented, and with the transfer there of the 15-ton steam crane, at present assisting in the construction of No. 4 Wharf, the facilities in this yard will be back to pre-war level.

We were also able during the year to secure machinery for the company's repair shop, which was looted by the Japanese, and this very useful adjunct is once again in full operation.

General maintenance upkeep on our eight ocean berths at Kowloon has been carried on throughout the year, and construction of the new No. 4 Wharf is proceeding very satisfactorily. It is hoped that this Wharf will be in full operation before the end of this year. The new coastal wharf at West Point, with its added facilities for passenger and baggage handling, has been in full operation for some time.

The completion of No. 4 Wharf will mark the end of the first phase of our reconstruction and development programme,

which was outlined to you at the Annual General Meeting in November, 1946.

The second phase of the programme has been under consideration by your Board for some time, and tentative plans have been drawn up, which include provision for modernising our No. 1 wharf. Although we have every reason to be satisfied with the extent of our rehabilitation to date, much remains to be done before the effects of the war years are finally made good, and I am sure shareholders will agree that a policy of progressive development is desirable.

PIER LEASES

You will doubtless remember that the leases of all our piers expire at the end of this year, and we have been informed that new leases will be granted under the terms of an announcement made in the Press on August 27. Pier rentals are to be increased, but your Directors consider the terms in general to be satisfactory and in conformity with the general policy of the Port.

The company's cooie quarters in Canton Road, which suffered in common with the rest of the property from neglect during the occupation, have been completely rehabilitated during the year, and there is ample evidence that our permanent labour force appreciate the provision that has been made for their housing.

Another introduction during the year was the installation of a staff canteen at Kowloon Point, which has proved very successful and popular.

Towards the end of the year we have been successful in our efforts to resume control of our house property in Huihong Road, when eviction orders against the unauthorised squatters in these houses became effective. These houses had been vacated before the outbreak of hostilities, and the intervening years have not improved their condition.

NEW FLATS

Your Directors have therefore decided to implement a scheme drawn up in 1940 for the housing of our Chinese staff, and to construct a block of modern flats on this site which will accommodate members of the staff and their families to the number of about 600 people.

Although the cost of construction is of course very much higher today than when the plan was first mooted, we have decided that the conditions under which so many of our staff have been living ever since the re-occupation make it essential to proceed with this plan which, although it will not provide for the whole of our staff, will at least alleviate the situation to a considerable extent. I am sure shareholders will appreciate this decision.

The past year was marked by the unfortunate outbreak of fire in our 'C' Godown in August, which spoiled the company's unbroken record of 50 years without a conflagration. The loss of two lives and of so much valuable cargo caused grave concern to your Board and Management, but I am glad to say that the subsequent official inquiries found that no blame attached to the Company.

I take this opportunity of publicly expressing our thanks to the members of our staff who so promptly dealt with the initial outbreak, and to the Hongkong Fire Brigade and Military Fire Brigade for their prompt and efficient services which resulted in confining the fire to a comparatively small area. The two godowns destroyed in the fire have been replaced by one new building.

"ROUND-THE-CLOCK" WORKING

Before turning to the Accounts, I would like once again to express our appreciation of the work of our staff throughout the year. We have revived during the year the pre-war practice of working ships "round the clock" when necessary; this has only been possible through the efforts of all members of the staff, who have cheerfully met all calls made on them and overcome all difficulties incidental to the construction of godown space to which I referred in my opening remarks. I am sure shareholders will associate themselves with the Board in thanking them for the results achieved.

Turning to the Accounts, I do not think anything in the Profit and Loss Account calls for special comment. Depreciation charges have increased but this is due to the increased value of our Assets consequent on the reconstruction and development during the year amounted to \$2,201,201.00.

There are several changes in the Balance Sheet as compared with that presented at the last meeting. You will doubtless recollect that on the day on which that meeting was

held it was announced in the Press that there would be no payment of compensation for War Leases by the Hongkong Government; there is at present no indication as to whether any reparations will be forthcoming, and your Board have therefore decided to set off our War Losses Account against Reserves. The figure will not be eliminated from our Balance Sheet, however, but will be the subject of further consideration in the light of any future development of this vexed problem.

The General Contingencies Reserve has been increased by Share Premium received during 1948 amounting to \$1,000,500.00, transfer from General Contingencies Account of \$245,280.00 and transfer from our Damaged Property Account of \$50,173.00, and after writing off War Losses now stands at \$3,750,000.

The General Contingencies Account was set up to provide for occupation period interest on Blocked Bank Account, on the lifting of the Moratorium, a satisfactory settlement of a liability remained, which has been transferred as stated. This account is now closed, as also is the Provision for Rehabilitation of War Damaged Property. The only Provision which remains live is that for Profits Tax, and as set out I think that this account is self-explanatory.

\$9M CAPITAL

The balance of payments in respect of the 1947 New Issue Shares have been received in full, and the issued capital stands at \$9,000,000.

You will note that our cash position at December 31, 1948, was strong, but our commitments at that date as shown in the second note on the Balance Sheet accounted for 75 percent of our Cash Balance. The bulk of these commitments are in respect of our new No. 4 Wharf. The Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, you will see that the balance available for appropriation is \$3,223,195.44, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the Hon T. N. Chau said: "I am sure we have all listened with great interest to your Chairman's very concise review of the year's activities, and I feel that our Board and Management are to be congratulated on the excellent results of the year's working presented, and the foresight and energy with which they have tackled the various problems."

It is gratifying to note that as a result, our company's contribution to the high reputation which the Port of Hong Kong enjoys has been well maintained, while at the same time the rehabilitation of our properties has progressed satisfactorily.

"The Directors' policy of progressive development cannot but meet with the approbation of shareholders, and the very sound position of the company indicated in the Accounts shows clearly that while pursuing this policy they have been guided at all times by the best traditions of company management."

There is one item in the Profit and Loss Account to which I would like to refer; that is the sum of \$10,000.00 as Directors' fees. I consider that this remuneration is entirely inadequate for the care and attention which is devoted to the interests of the company by our Board.

On enquiry I learn that this sum is fixed by our Articles of Association, and that in fact this figure has remained unchanged since 1880. It is obvious that a substantial increase in this figure is very much overdue, and I suggest that the Board take whatever steps are necessary to amend the relative Article and increase this figure.

RE-ELECTIONS

The confirmation of the appointment of Mr. H. D. Benham in succession to Mr. L. Kadoorie, as a Director was proposed by Mr. W. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Wong Sik-kuen.

Mr. H. D. Benham was re-elected a Director on the proposal of Mr. C. W. L. Way, Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company and Messrs Percy Smith & Co. were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$3,000 each.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm supposed to be a slave-driver, Mrs. Smith, but you got more work out of John than I can!"

Allied Sovereignty Established By German Statute

Berlin, Apr. 10.—The Occupation Statute agreed by the three Western Foreign Ministers in Washington establishes clearly the joint sovereignty of the three Allied Powers over Western Germany in international law for the first time.

In speaking of "exercise of the supreme authority" which is retained by these Powers, the Statute draws the formal conclusion from the collapse of four-power sovereignty established since the dissolution of the Allied Control Council in Berlin a year ago.

The Allied High Commission established by the three-Power agreement, becomes the body for execution of Western control.

The joint sovereignty is only limited under the Statute by the freedom granted to the German Federal Government, which is removable under Clause three entitling the Allies to resume full control in an emergency.

One consequence of Allied sovereignty is that the Statute makes no provision for the long-delayed judicial arbitration between the Allies and the Germans.

Instead, clause eight establishes a presumption that Allied action is justified by the powers retained by the Allies if it can be shown to be based on an inter-Allied agreement.

Miss Orient Findings

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escape provisions for passengers would have been proved inadequate in more normal circumstances. The Masters and crew have given no time in which to employ the life saving appliances on board the ship, and the passengers themselves, because of the suddenness of the disaster, did not even have time to obtain their life-jackets which were so stowed as to be immediately available. The Court has found that the circumstances, no blame can be attached to the Master, Officers and crew.

ONLY COMPETENT JUDGES

Some evidence was led in Court relating to the conduct of three vessels which were following the *Miss Orient* down river, and which an allegation has been made of failing to render all possible assistance. It was contended on the action of these vessels, but the Court considers that the Masters of the ships in the water conditions prevailing at the time, in narrow waters, where a degree of uncertainty concerning the cause and nature of the accident existed, and without actual knowledge of the position of the *Miss Orient*, were not responsible in relation to their responsibilities for the safety of the ship, its passengers and crew.

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Bulgarian Protest To UN, Britain

Sofia, Apr. 10.—The Bulgarian Government has published the text of three notes bearing on the recent trial of 15 Protestant pastors in Bulgaria.

One protested to the United Nations against the proposed United Nations discussion of the trial.

The other two were addressed to Britain. These rejected Britain's note of March 12 protesting that the trial infringed civil liberties, and replied to the British protest last month against the expulsion of Mr. Denis Greenhill, First Secretary to the British Legation in Sofia.

Mr. Greenhill was declared persona non grata by the Bulgarian Government as a result of evidence given at the pastors' trial.

This note, quoted by the Bulgarian news agency, expressed surprise at the British suggestion that a member of the Bulgarian Legation in London might be expelled in reprisal.

Declaring that Bulgaria's decision in expelling Mr. Greenhill was based on "undeniable facts," the note said that any similar action against the Bulgarian Legation in London would be an "arbitrary act hostile to the Bulgarian Republic."

The protest to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, said that the pastors' trial, with that of Cardinal Mindzenty, formed a pretext for the proposed placing on the United Nations agenda of the "so-called restriction of religious and other liberties" in Bulgaria and Hungary.

This proposal concerned "a purely internal question and was based on purely lying information, the note declared, according to the Bulgarian news agency. It accused the countries concerned of profiting by the fact that the Security Council had not yet admitted Bulgaria to membership of the United Nations.

The third Bulgarian note complained of the inadmissible tone of the British protest against the pastors' trial, and said that the facts disclosed at the trial were "indisputable."—Reuter.

Explosion Wrecks Church

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wreckage to free those caught under the roof until aid was organised.

The injured were stretched out in front of the Church until ambulances arrived. Dr Henry Berthel said he pulled out three dead, including a woman, who expired as he was lifting her into the truck to be taken to hospital.

Father Joseph Zimmermann was putting on his vestments and parishioners were hurrying from the clear sunlight of Palm Sunday into the dim church when the blast occurred.

Postmaster W. W. Brady said he was sitting in the front pew and the "blast blew up" just as the altar boys lit matches. It was believed that the boys, Bobby Lounsbury, 10, and Kenneth Wagner, 13, were among the injured.

PADRE INJURED

Brady and his wife were injured and taken to a Mitchell hospital. Father Zimmermann suffered a leg injury and a public broken ribs was taken to a Parish house nearby.

The Red Cross set up relief headquarters and Bishop William Brady of Sioux Falls rushed with aides to the scene to help. The 9 o'clock mass was the only Sunday service in the church.

Marion is a town of 775 population, about 35 miles from Sioux Falls. Investigators said they had determined that there was a leak in the butane heating furnace and that there was a gas leak through the building. They said "Anything could have touched it off." The heating plant had been turned on to drive off the morning chill in the church. Brady said that no one in the church appeared to notice the presence of the gas.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, "It's Swing Time" 6.30, Orchestral Favourites, 7, Hospital Recital Half Hour. Presented by Joan Austen (Studio); 7.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 8, World News and News Analysis (London relay); 8.15, Film Review by Linda Caster (Studio); 8.30, What's What? (Studio); 9, From the Editor's (London relay); 9.15, "Concerto" (Studio); 9.30, C. Minor, Op. 60 (Medley) played by the Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Do-browen; 9.50, Light Orchestral Suite (Studio); 10, "The Fight Against Cholera." A feature programme by the writer Well-known as he has the treatment of Medical and Scientific Themes—Nesta Pain. (DUETS); 10.25, Dance Music with the Merry Macs (Guest Artists); 11, Radio News Reel (London relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Close down.

Brushwood Blaze

Paris, Apr. 10.—Seventy acres of timber and brushwood were destroyed today by fire in the Forest of Senart, about 30 miles south-east of Paris, about 250 acres in the same forest were ravaged by fire last month.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

SHOWING TO-DAY at 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.
Learn the rhumba from Carmen Miranda!



WALLACE BEERY, JANE POWELL, ELIZABETH TAYLOR, CARMEN MIRANDA, XAVIER CUGAT, ROBERT STACK

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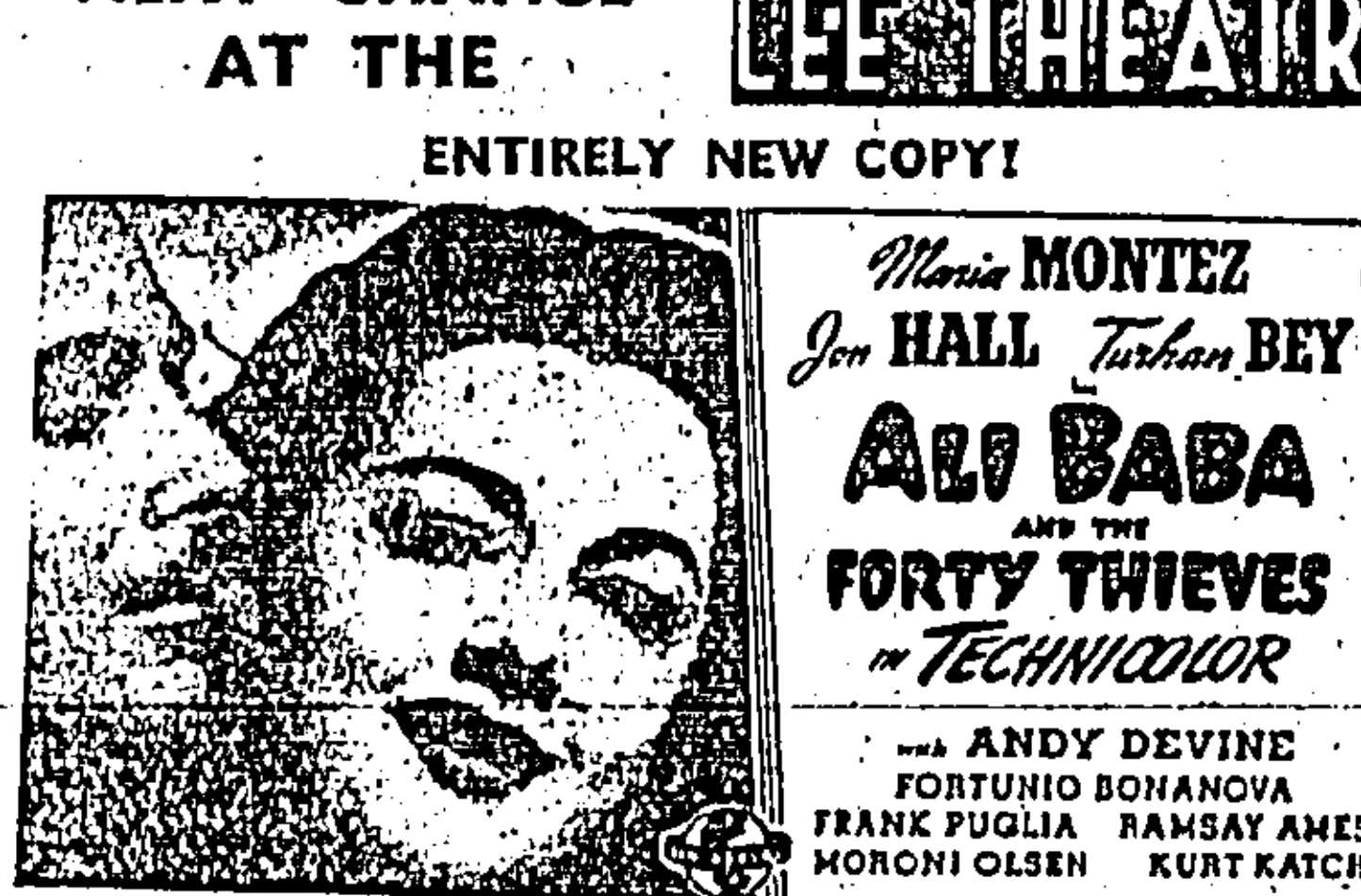
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Death Of Well-Known Bowls Player

The death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital yesterday of Mr. Leslie Griffin Coombes, Senior Foreman of Stores, Kowloon Naval Yard, at the age of 44.

Mr. Coombes was a well-known lawn bowls player and had served on the Committee of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

He was due to leave Hong Kong in the Dunera next week on transfer to Portland Dockyard, England. He was a keen bowler and was a member of Lodge Naval and Military 348, Mark and Chapter.

He is survived by his widow and two children, Pamela and David.

The funeral will take place at Happy Valley tomorrow, the cortege arriving at the main gate at 3 p.m.

OUTWARD MAILS

An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Ports per R.M.S. Canton will be closed on Friday April 15, as follows: GPO Hongkong Parcels April 14, 1 p.m.; Registered, April 15, 9 a.m.; Ordinary 9.30 a.m.

GPO Kowloon Parcels, April 15, 4 p.m.; Registered, April 15, 8.15 a.m.; Ordinary, 9 a.m.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 15, 1949.

With effect from April 3, the post for local letters and parcels will be increased as follows:—Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories, 10 cents for each oz. or part of an ounce (letter); 5 cents each (postcard). Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 9 a.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post

Monday, April 11 Closing Times by Air: Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, Kowloon, Luchow, Swatow, Amoy and Taipei 2.30 p.m.

Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Dhahran, Alexandria (Nairobi), Bombay, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg, Madras, via Alexandria, Rome and London (Kowloon) GPO 4.20 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea: London 3 p.m. Straits and Far East only for Marseilles 2 p.m.

Amoy and Pootung 3 p.m. Shanghai and Japan 3 p.m. Hanoi, Peking via Hanoi and Bangkok 3 p.m.

Tamkang (via Canton) 5 p.m.

THE LOCAL SCENE

POOR WEEK-END FOR CHAMPIONS

By "RECORDER"

It was a poor week-end for the champions, with the winners in both the Senior and Junior Division of the Cricket League going down to Rest of the League teams and South China "A", leaders in the First Division of the Football League, going down to Chinese Athletic for their first defeat of the season.

China held on to the International Soccer Cup, defeating England 5-2 at Sookunpoo and Reccelo, the Hockey Association champions, concluded their fixtures with a 3-0 victory over Dutch HC for the week-end's run-to-form results.

For the Cricket League Champions it was a dismal Saturday afternoon. Reccelo's strong batting side was all out for 77 against the bowling of White of the Navy and J. C. Koh of the University at King's Park and lost by seven wickets.

At Sookunpoo, the IRC Junior lost to the Rest of the Junior League by 69 runs, mainly as the result of an opening partnership for the Rest by A. E. Noronha of Reccelo and P. Rees of Army, that produced more than the IRC total of 87. The week-end saw the close of two "seasons"—badminton and cricket. The football leagues, the hockey league and the softball season are also in the concluding stage.

FOOTBALL

England made a gallant bid against an 0-3 deficit at one stage in the International Cup Final at Sookunpoo, catching up to 2-3, but there was no getting away from the fact that the Chinese were a much superior team and Tang Yee-kei was there to score two fine goals in the last 20 minutes.

Just as the local soccer fan had just about given up hope of seeing South China "A" defeated, Chinese Athletic managed this feat on Saturday at Causeway Bay by two clear goals.

LEAGUE SOCCER FIXTURES

The Hongkong Football Association fixtures for this week are as follows:

TOMORROW

2nd Division
KMB v Navy (postponed from 2.40.40). Boundary, 5.30 p.m. (Ref. P. Collins).
Army (K) v Army (H) (postponed from 2.40.40). Chatham Rd., 5.30 p.m. (Ref. L. Davey).
Tramways v PCA (postponed from 2.40.40). Club, 5.45 p.m. (Ref. A. Leck).

WEDNESDAY

1st Division
KMB v S. China "A" (postponed from 12.40). Boundary, 5.30 p.m. (Ref. R. M. Chan; linesmen: W. Gibson/H. Richardson).
Club v Kwong Wah (postponed from 1.40). Club, 5.45 p.m. (Ref. J. Ward; linesmen: A. Ribeiro/P. Loh).
St. Joseph's v Navy (postponed from 2.40.40). Boundary, 5.30 p.m. (Ref. J. Ward; linesmen: S. Man-shan/L. Ding-long).

THURSDAY

2nd Division
Army (K) v Chatham Rd., 5.30 p.m. (Ref. A. Barretto).
PCA v Police (postponed from 12.40). Club, 5.45 p.m. (Ref. Lal Duen-po).
Tramways v W. D. Chinese (postponed from 1.40). Navy, 5.45 p.m. (Ref. Li Sing-long).

SATURDAY

2nd Division
Dockyard v CAA Navy, "I", 3.30 p.m. (Ref. N. Delgado).
W.D. Chinese v PCA Army "I", 3.30 p.m. (Ref. P. Ching).
Army (K) v KMB Army "I", 5 p.m. (Ref. J. Ward).
Solicitors v Tramways, Club, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Capt. Chinnali).
Club v Kitchee, Club, 5 p.m. (Ref. F. A. Barretto).

SUNDAY

2nd Division
Army (K) v Talkoo, Chatham Rd., 3.30 p.m. (Ref. A. F. Willis).
Navy v S. China Navy, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Sgt. Manson).
South China v Eastern, cancelled.
Police v University, cancelled.

Colony Team

The following will represent the Colony against Singapore Services on Saturday next at Sookunpoo:

Yue Yiu-tak (CAA), Soutar (RAAF), Hsu King-sing (SFC), Weatherill (Army), Craighhead (Army), Santos (SFC), West (Army), Fung King-cheung (SCAA), Lo Wah-sing (CAA), Klerman (Club) (Capt), Main (Club).
Reserves—Cotton (Club), Weller (Club), Hughes (Army), Rowlands (Navy), Rafferty (Navy) and Pereira (SFC).
Team Manager—Mr J. C. Gillingham.

GRAND NATIONAL WINNER



Badminton Season Concludes

By "SIDELINER"

The Colony Badminton season officially closed on Saturday evening when the two remaining finals in the Colony Open Badminton Championships were played off at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Compared with the finals played on previous nights, Saturday evening's games were of a comparatively low standard, especially the Senior Men's Doubles match between Robert Tay & Patrick Wong against H. T. Heah & T. B. Teoh which Tay & Wong won 12-15, 15-11, 15-12.

Numerous errors were made by all the players. Wong was the more consistent of the four, connecting with some fine smashes and innumerable net-tricks. At one time Teoh dominated the court with his interceptions at the net but he was prone to over-smash at critical points.

Heah was definitely off-colour and his drops from the backcourt seldom cleared the net.

Tay & Wong led 12-8 in the first game but the Varsity pair drew level and won it 15-12 when Teoh pulled off some well-placed smashes and drops.

The second game began with Heah & Teoh running up a 3-0 lead but Tay's smashes began to fall in the court and, with both the Varsity players committing errors, Tay & Wong won the second game at 15-11.

The decider proved even more tame than the other two games. Without much effort Tay & Wong ran into an 8-0 lead and finally won out at 15-3. Wong touched his form in this game and his fierce smashes scored many points off Heah who failed to clear the net with his returns.

Both the ladies started off differently with Mrs Soares recovering first, and, with Soares scoring on his backcourt smashes, ran into a lead of 8-3. They then went on to win the third game at 15-7.

The second game found the Chinese pair steady up for her errors in the first game with fine anticipation at the net and it was mainly through her net play that they evened the games by winning 15-7.

In the decider, Soares began to mis-hit and his drops failed to clear time and again. Lau's fighting spirit deservedly won out and he and Miss Kwong won the third game and match at 15-8.

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Russian Hero, the 66-1 outsider who nobody fancied, relaxes at his owner's farm in Cheshire after winning the Grand National.

"Jockeys" here are 5-year-old Jane Bragg and Jane Williams. Owner Fernie Williamson, his trainer George Owen, and stable-hands celebrated the victory with champagne.

There was even a glass for the Hero. Mr Williamson hopes to enter Russian Hero for next year's National.—London Express Service.

CRC Prize Distribution

Lady Lo was guest of honour at the Chinese Recreation Club at the distribution of prizes for the Open Hardcourt Tennis Tournament and the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association League which took place at the Club House in Causeway Bay yesterday.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, some keen tennis exhibition matches were played.

Tsui Wai-pul and W. C. Choy played an exhibition match against Ip Koon-hung and Szeto Bick resulting in a win for the former pair by 6-3 and 6-4.

There was also a ladies' doubles match played by Mrs Slater and Mrs Standoff of the Ladies Recreation Club and Mrs. E. Eaton and Miss Law. The former pair won by 6-3 and 6-4.

Players who took part in the Open Hardcourt Schoolboys' Singles also participated in the exhibition when Leung Him-shu (EKS) and Lo Tak-sing (Ling Nam) beat Wong Kam-pui (DBS) and Chung Kong (DBS) by 6-1.

The Winners

At the conclusion of the exhibition, Lady Lo was invited to give the prizes away by Mr Chan Nang-ping, Chairman of the Club.

Following were the prize-winners:

Lawn Tennis League—Ladies Doubles Division (Ladies Recreation Club); "A" Division (CRC "A"); "B" Division (CRC "B"); Mixed Doubles Division (CRC "A").

Open Hardcourt Tournament:

Men's Singles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul (presented with the N. S. K. Memorial Cup); Runners-up: Tsui Wai-pul, Ip Koon-hung.

Men's Doubles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul and Ip Koon-hung; Runners-up: Wong Kam-pui and Chung Kong.

School Boys' Singles: Winner: Leung Him-shu (presented with the N. S. K. Memorial Cup); Runners-up: Wong Kam-pui and Chung Kong.

Invitation Mixed Doubles: Tsui Wai-pul and Miss Kan.

CRC Club Championship:

Singles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul; Runners-up: Tsui Wai-pul, Ip Koon-hung.

Doubles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul and Ip Koon-hung; Runners-up: Wong Kam-pui and Chung Kong.

Handicap Singles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul; Runners-up: Tsui Wai-pul, Ip Koon-hung.

Handicap Doubles: Winner: Tsui Wai-pul and Ip Koon-hung; Runners-up: Wong Kam-pui and Chung Kong.

Silver Basketball

Mexico City, Apr. 10.—The Oakland Biltmore basketball team emerged undefeated last night from a seven-team round robin tournament.

The American Amateur Athletic Union champions played a full-sized silver basketball. The Biltmore scored six victories.

Chihuahua, Mexican national champion, was second with five victories and one loss. Associated Press.

New Talent Needed In English Cricket

London, Apr. 10.—The New Zealand cricket team, with their spirited approach to the game, will provide the major attraction in the cricket season, which opens on April 30. But keen interest will be shown in the County championship, which Glamorgan won last year to break the monopoly of the stronger counties.

Except for the 12 days taken up by the three Tests, and the one trial match at Birmingham, the counties will be at full strength for most games, and another interesting struggle should result.

Glamorgan will naturally be keen to prove that their win last season was no fluke, but they will face strong opposition from Lancashire, Surrey, Middlesex and Yorkshire.

Lancashire need only another fast bowler to support Pollard to have the making of a formidable team. They lost only two County championship games in the past two seasons, and with a little more pace, price might have carried off top honours.

But while several Counties, like Lancashire, are able to call on strong sides, the need for fresh blood in English cricket is acute.

Realising this, the MCC have set up a committee to investigate ways and means of providing better facilities to help the development of promising young players. The remarkable increase in interest in cricket, particularly by schoolboys since the war, holds out promise for the future.

There are 82 pitches available to the general public compared with 350 before the war.

In addition to combing the schools, it is hoped that the Committee will give some attention to the industrial areas where keen youngsters get few chances of developing their talents on turf wickets. That is the plan for the future.

JUDICIAL BLENDING

The present problem facing the Test selectors is whether to retain tried and tested men, or introduce newcomers for the games with New Zealand. There should be little fear of an England team suffering from the enfeeblement of Lindwall, Miller and Johnston, so perhaps a judicious blending of experience any youth will be the answer.

Compton and Hutton could not be left out of any England team, however experimental in nature, but it would be equally unwise to persist with men in the twilight of their careers just because they are in form.

The success of Roland Jenkins, the Worcestershire bowler, and Alan Watkins, the Glamorgan all-rounder, on the South African tour proved what could be done if players were given a chance.

Weakness in attack has been England's main handicap since the war, but this looks like being remedied this season. The pace bowlers, P. A. Whitecombe, the giant Oxford Blue, and Leslie Jackson, of Leicestershire, impressed last year, while Lancashire have three promising "slow men"—Hilton, Berry and Greenwood, Hilton, who is only 20, gained fame by twice dismissing Don Bradman last season.

Young batsmen of promise seem scarce, but T. W. Graveney, a stylish stroke player from Gloucestershire, needs only a sounder defence to carry him into the top class.

The man who may step into Evans's place as wicketkeeper, should the selectors decide on a change is Bill Dawkes, a former Leicestershire player now with Derbyshire. He is a useful batsman.

EXPERIMENT

One of the alterations to the laws and regulations concerns the new ball experimental rule. Instead of the new ball being available after 55 overs, it cannot be taken this summer until 65 overs have been bowled.

This will please those critics who considered that the new ball was taken too quickly and too often.

India's Cricket Captain Suspended

Bombay, Apr. 10.—The Indian Board of Control for cricket today suspended Lala Amarnath, the India Test captain, from playing in representative cricket for India or any Province for "continued misbehaviour and breach of discipline."

A statement said this action was taken after Mr A. S. de Melho, its President, had brought to the notice of the Board of Control the "unwarranted misbehaviour by Amarnath during the recent tour of India by the West Indies cricket team, culminating in his interview with the press at Lucknow last week criticising the Board of Control."

Amarnath visited England twice with India teams in 1935 and 1946, but half way through the first tour he was recalled to India as a disciplinary measure.

In 1947 he captained India in their tour of Australia and led them in all five Tests against the West Indies during the recent tour.—Reuters.

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Congress May Balk At Cost Of The European Arms Programme

OBSTACLE TO RATIFICATION OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

Washington, Apr. 10.—The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today faced a rocky road in convincing Congress of the need for the arms for Europe programme, which has already threatened to be an obstacle in the way of Senate ratification of the North Atlantic security pact.

Present plans call for the United States to supply tanks, anti-tank guns, artillery, armoured vehicles and other heavy equipment for ground troops as the bulk of its military aid to other pact countries. In addition, the Air Force may turn over some of its World War II planes now in "mothballs," including 200 B-29 Superfortress bombers.

Israeli— Syrian Armistice

TALKS UNDECIDED

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 10.—The resumption of the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks appeared still undecided after a two-hour meeting here today between two of the Acting Mediators, Dr. Ralph Bunche's representatives and Dr. Walter Eytan, the Director General of the Israeli Foreign Office.

Israel has expressed her readiness to resume the talks next Tuesday provided the Syrians withdraw first from a point known as Hill 223, which the Israelis assert the Syrians occupied after the truce.

After today's conference here, informed sources said the Israelis were still adamant on this.

Dr. Bunche's representatives—M. Henri Vigier and General William Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine—in turn asked the Israelis to "refrain" from further military movements in the area.

Dr. Bunche is leaving Geneva by special train tomorrow for Stockholm to pay my last respects to Count Folke Bernadotte. He told reporters: "Now that the fighting is over in Palestine, I consider my mission at an end. To continue would infringe on the work of the United Nations Conciliation Commission."

WANTS LONG REST

Asked about his plans for the future, Dr. Bunche smiled and said: "A very long peace. I just want to rest."

Dr. Bunche was on his way to the United States, told correspondents: "Before putting down the reins, I feel that I must go to greet Countess Bernadotte in Stockholm. I was not able to accompany the Count's body on his journey from Palestine last September. I had to stay on the job."

"Besides being an assistant to Count Bernadotte when he was Palestine Mediator, I was also his close personal friend. We owe so much to him. It was he who charted the path to peace."

Dr. Bunche said he would stay on Monday night at Countess Bernadotte's home before leaving for Paris on Tuesday morning. From Paris he would probably travel by sea to the United States, preparing a report for the Security Council on the way. "It is purely a voluntary report for their information, on the close supervision and the armistice negotiations.—Reuter.

MONK STEPS ON A MINE

Jerusalem, Apr. 10.—Brother Burno Clement, a French monk, was injured critically here yesterday when he stepped on a mine while gathering palm leaves near the Damascus Gate for the Palm Sunday celebration. The mine had been planted 100 feet from an Israeli outpost.—United Press.

Military sources said the Western European countries wanted to make their ground forces strong enough to stand a chance of holding off a possible land attack. President Truman is expected to send the 12-nation Atlantic Pact, aimed at protecting Western Europe and North America against future aggression, to the Senate tomorrow.

However, a growing chorus of Senators is demanding to know administration plans for arms aid before considering the treaty.

Senate foreign policy leaders of both Parties say they are still completely in the dark on the arms programme. Estimates of Western Europe's military needs were received here months ago and at least six versions of arms legislation have been discussed within the administration.

However, there have been no consultations to date with the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senator Tom Connally), the top Republican Senate foreign policy spokesman (Senator Arthur Vandenberg) or the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee (Senator Millard Tydings). Senator Vandenberg today flatly refused to discuss the arms issue.

Senator Connally, who expects to begin pact hearings one week from tomorrow, said that among the "first questions asked" would be those about the cost of arms. He and Senator Vandenberg were reported to have sharply over the State Department's failure until the last minute to invite the full Senate to the security pact signing ceremony. In addition, Senator Connally was said to be still resentful of the fact that the State Department was urging "undue speed on ratification of the treaty."

The Senate Republican leader, Mr. Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, told a reporter that the money-raising committees of Congress must get the "whole programme" of arms spending from the State and Defence Departments.

"They've got to lay the entire programme on the table, then we will see what we can afford and do what we can do," he said.

Senator Chas. McNary, ranking Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, agreed that the Senate could not ratify the pact "without figuring the effect on our own military establishment."

"We can't strip that down too close," he added.

HELLBENT FOR CATASTROPHE

Republican Senator Homer Capchett, who wants foreign aid spending cut to balance the arms cost, commented, "We are hellbent for a catastrophe."

Mr. Acheson said last week that he could not give Congress even an "informed guess" on the arms cost and that the matter was still under review.

Senator Gurney foresees a programme which would place major emphasis on supplying Europe with ground armaments, leaving the major responsibility for long-range strategic bombing to the United States.

Military sources said heavy ground equipment was the major European need. The Atlantic Pact countries already are self-sufficient in small arms.

The major air power need of Western Europe is fighter and attack planes to support the

ground troops. Britain and France were reported to be in a position to turn out jet engines for such planes.

Britain reportedly has asked for an additional 200 B-29 Superfortress bombers. With about 2,000 of these in reserve, a U.S. Air Force spokesman indicated, there would be no serious objection to turning over 200. Other planes which the Air Force may release are F-47 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters and B-26 bombers in its "mothball" reserve fleet. There are some 5,000 of these planes, all of the piston-engine type which are rapidly becoming obsolete.—United Press.

Occupation Statute Too General

Hanover, Apr. 10.—Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, said in an interview tonight that the German Occupation Statute contained too many general clauses open to interpretations that might vary with changing relations between the Allies themselves.

Quoted by the German news agency DPA, Dr. Schumacher said that settlement of the German question was not dependent on the goodwill and efforts of the Germans or on the relations with the Allies, but, rather, on reciprocal relations among the Allies.

At the same time, he said, "the Occupation Statute gives the Germans a chance to become active with the consent of the Allies. It is warmer and friendlier in its contents than many statements made hitherto."

He considered that this first step had been made with great care. "In principle, sovereignty must remain fully within the scope of the Allies with only fragments in German hands.—Reuter.

SHIP'S HOLDS ON FIRE

Haifa, Apr. 10.—The 6,000-ton Panamanian ship, *Isle of Patmos*, bringing gift food parcels, machinery and cotton from the United States, arrived here with her holds on fire. Sabotage was suspected.

Chartered as the *Enel Brith*, the vessel (not listed in Lloyd's) was carrying thousands of parcels from the American-Jewish fraternal organisation of the same name.

The fire broke out near Gibraltar in the cotton bales stored near about 50 loaded American tractors. The crew fought the fire until the ship was brought safely into Haifa and the machines and cotton were unloaded. An investigation is proceeding.—Reuter.

Refuse To Vote

Paris, Apr. 10.—About 85.5 percent of the Vietnamese electors failed to vote in today's elections for the Cochinchina Territorial Assembly, the French press agency reported tonight from Saigon. There was a heavy poll of French voters.

The new Assembly, set up under a law passed by the French Parliament on March 14, is to decide whether Cochinchina, the "rice bowl" of Indo-China, is to join Annam and Tonkin in the State of Vietnam.—Reuter.

Mozart's Death Mask

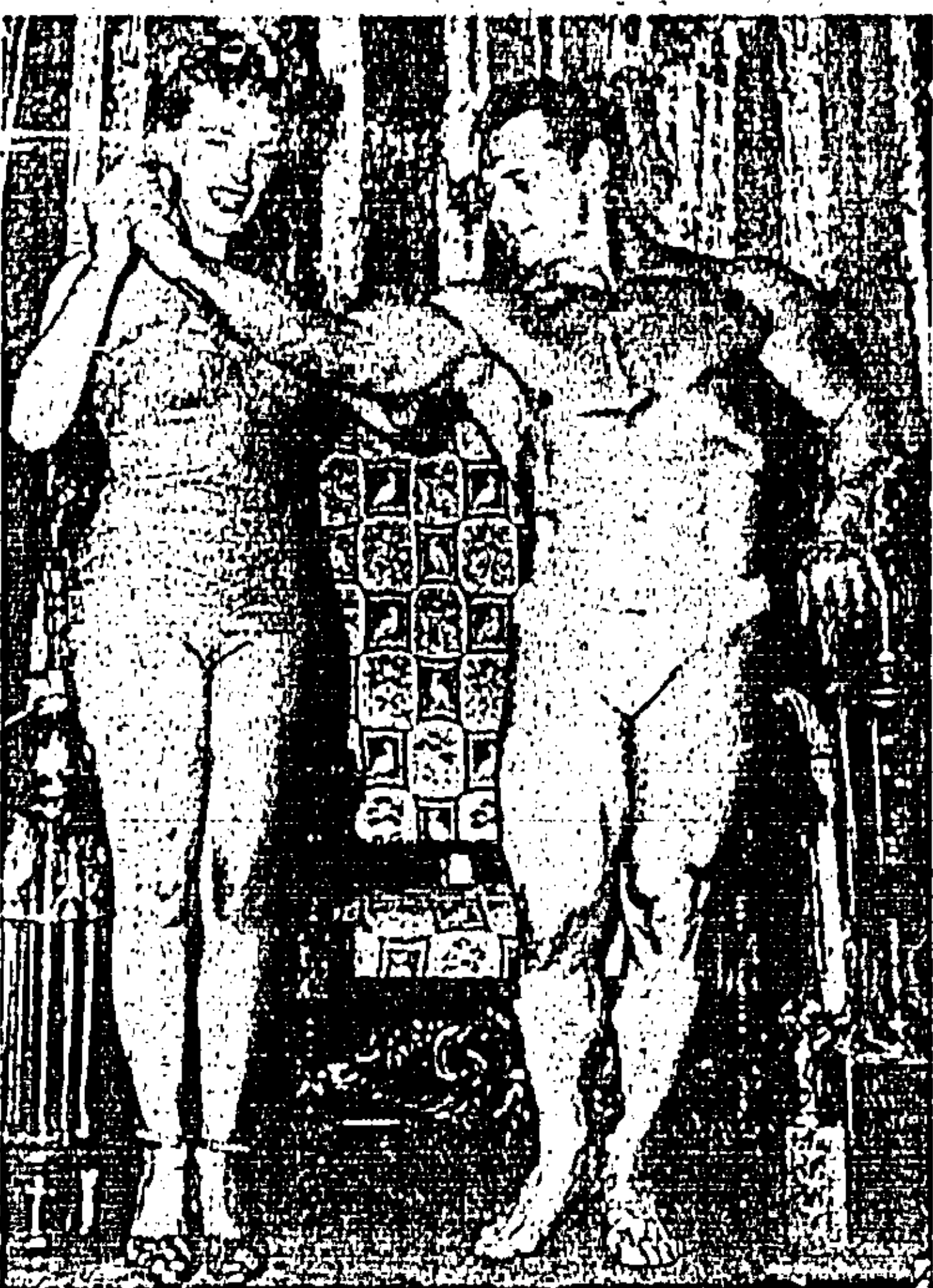
Vienna, Apr. 10.—The police have handed a death mask, believed to be that of Mozart, to the Austrian Department of Monuments for safe keeping, after allegations that an attempt was being made to sell it abroad.

The mask was brought recently by a Vienna art collector, M. Jakob Jelenik, for five schillings from a second-hand dealer.—Reuter.

MR MORRISON IN COLOGNE

Cologne, Apr. 10.—Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Deputy Prime Minister, arrived here this afternoon from Hanover. After talks with the city authorities, Mr. Morrison, according to the German news agency, DPA, is going on to Castle Roetlingen, where he is to meet Dr. Karl Arnold, the Premier of North Rhine-Westphalia.—Reuter.

"MR AND MISS U.S.A."



Shirlee Tegge of Iron River, Mich., was acclaimed "Miss U.S.A." in Los Angeles, for having a perfectly proportioned body, and (right) John C. Grimek of York, Pa., was named "Mr U.S.A." because he is as healthy as he looks. The contest was open to all. — AP Picture.

Greek Government Given Powers To Mobilise Strikers

Athens, Apr. 10.—Greek Government Ministers were today empowered to mobilise all civil servants who have been on strike for four days and who fail to report for duty tomorrow.

The Greek Inner Cabinet gave the Ministers these powers after the strikers, who are claiming large salary increases, had rejected a Government offer of free food supplies, worth £3 monthly, for the next three months.

The Athens news agency tonight broadcast a statement by striking civil servants replying to the allegations in guerilla broadcasts seeking to exploit the stoppage and declaring opposition to Communism.

This said that, "under the free democratic regime of Greece, civil servants could freely demand their rights, whereas the Communist bandits, in slavery under the yoke of the Red tyrant, have been transformed into individuals without a soul and without a will."

Civil servants in Northern Greece have announced that they will strike tomorrow in sympathy with their colleagues in the rest of the country who stopped work on April 6.

Railwaymen in Northern Greece are expected to come out on Wednesday making a general railway stoppage throughout the country.

Tonight's Greek General Staff communiqué reported guerilla attacks in Ephesus against the Prophet Elias Height in the Grammos range, where the guerrillas announced an offensive two days ago.

M. Evangelos Manganas, former leader of the right wing "X" organisation, is once again under arrest, according to a Ministry of Public Order announcement today. It was alleged that at the head of 60 armed men he had been looting villages and imposing a personal levy on the peasants.

He was taken into custody in the Olympia district of the Peloponnese, the Ministry announced. Manganas has been much in the news in the past three years. In January 1946, after the right wing rising in the port of Kalamata, in the south-west of the Peloponnese, a "dead or alive" reward was offered for his capture.

The next month he was sentenced to death by a court martial in his absence, and in May, 1946, he was arrested. When he was brought to trial on a charge of having been responsible for the Kalamata rising, he was acquitted after defence counsel had acted as "a hero in the national fight against Communism."

Manganas was arrested again last autumn for having disbanded an Army detachment.—Reuter.

Deserters Invade Shan State

Rangoon, Apr. 11.—Two thousand Chinese Army deserters have crossed the Burma-China border into the Southern Shan state of Kengtung to loot and plunder Shan villages, a Burmese Army spokesman said over Rangoon radio on Saturday night.

The spokesman said several villages were burned down.

Meanwhile, in Central Burma Government troops yesterday were pursuing Karen rebels retreating south along the Rangoon-Mandalay trunk road towards the rebel headquarters at Toungoo, 184 miles north of Rangoon, it was officially reported.

The report said the Karens burned train loads of ammunition and stores before retreating. It added that other Government forces were preparing to meet the retreating Karens above Toungoo.—Associated Press.

Bamboo Curtain Descends On Weather Reports

Shanghai, Apr. 11.—The "bamboo curtain" the Communists have lowered around North China reaches to the stratosphere. It not only holds in all news reports, but weather reports as well.

Much of Asia's weather is nurtured in the high-pressure areas of Siberia. It often undergoes great change as it is being pushed across Asia into the low-pressure area of the South.

For this reason the weatherman, if he is going to accurately forecast the weather in the Far East, must have regular reports from all areas.

But the Communists for the last few months have blocked out all weather reports from Manchuria and the remainder of South China under their control.

This blackout has caused a serious dislocation in the field of weather reporting in China.

70,000 US Troops To Remain In Germany

Washington, Apr. 10.—A United States Army force of some 70,000 combat troops—about the present strength—will stay on the alert in Germany after the task of the occupation government is turned over to civilians, officials said today.

They made it plain that the size of the force would be governed by how Russia behaved, as well as by how the Germans behaved under limited self-government. Any decision to increase or decrease troops probably will be made here by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council instead of by the Allied civilian High Commissioners who will replace the military occupation authorities, it was said.

These statements spelled out the remarks of the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at a news conference on Friday, when he said the United States troop strength in Germany would be determined by general military and security considerations. He added that he had no reason to know at present whether these forces should be either increased or diminished.

NO INCONSISTENCY

State Department quarters denied emphatically, meanwhile, that there was any "inconsistency" in turning Western Germany over to civilian control as the United States was proposing to help other Western European nations rebuild their armed strength. These quarters pointed out that none of the other Western European governments was at present under military control. All are run at the top by civilians, just as Western Germany will be under the new plan.

One official said: "This is not a change in the number of men or the amount of military equipment we will have in Germany. It is merely a change in the top direction of them."

Other sources said that after the United States, British and French occupation zones were fused into one Western German state as planned, the military forces of the three occupation powers probably would remain in the same geographical areas they were at present guarding.

The British and French have given no indication that they plan to reduce their military forces because of the change-over. In fact, they may be able to strengthen them if Congress approves the administration's proposal to ship United States arms to European members of the North Atlantic defence alliance.

HIGH COMMISSIONER!

(Reliable sources in Berlin said General Sir Brian Robertson, British military Governor in Germany, would resign from the Army and become Britain's "civilian" High Commissioner in the new set-up. Neither President Truman nor the State Department has indicated who will be the American High Commissioner. It is doubted here that General Lucius Clay, the American occupation commander, will follow General Robertson's lead and resign to become the U.S. Commissioner. General Clay is reported to be anxious to return to the United States if he is allowed to retire.

A spokesman said the U.S. Army, under its budget for the coming fiscal year, planned to maintain about the present number of combat troops in Germany and Austria. This force includes one full division, six separate regiments, 30 battalions and 60 companies. Air support for these ground forces is provided by two fighter groups of 75 planes each. One is equipped with F-80 Shooting Star jet planes and the other with F-47 piston-engine Thunderbolts. Behind these, in a supporting role, are three Air Force B-20 groups kept in England for "training" on a rotation basis. The U.S. Navy maintains a carrier task force in the Mediterranean.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



WORLD'S LARGEST WARSHIP

Construction To Begin Soon

Washington, Apr. 10.—Construction of the Navy's controversial 65,000-ton super aircraft carrier, USS United States, will begin next week, high Navy authorities asserted today.

Contrary to published speculation, they do not expect the current top level military discussions at Key West, Florida, to affect plans for the vessel. Its keel is scheduled to be laid on April 18 by the Newport News, Virginia, Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Vice-Admiral Arthur Radford, chief of the Naval Operation, answered the speculation about delays or cancellation of the project with a flat statement that "I am certain it will be built." He knew of "no doubt" on that point.

Apprehension about the future of the carrier spread through some echelons of the Navy when the new Reference Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, said at this press conference that he had a "pretty good idea as to what respective roles of the Air Force and Navy aviation should be. There was apparently concern in some Navy quarters that Johnson might favour increasing the Air Force mission and reducing the role of Naval aviation.

Some sources said that the keel laying ceremonies for the carrier, which will be the world's largest warship if completed, have been postponed pending an expression of view from Mr. Johnson.—United Press.

LATEST CRAZE

Barcelona, April 10.—Gathering cigar bands is more exciting than stamp collecting, according to several well-known philatelists who have just founded an "Association of Cigar Ring Collectors."

The President of this new association claims to have gathered one of the world's richest collection of this kind. He has more than 30,000 different cigar bands. But he never smoked a cigar in his life.—Associated Press.



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